## Senate Urges Clinton to Lift Embargo On Vietnam

Nonbinding 62-38 Vote Gives Political Support To Reluctant President

By Thomas W. Lippman

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted by a
wide margin on Thursday to urge President Bill

Clinton to lift the United States embargo on trade with Vietnam.

War veterans, conservative Republicans and members of the Armed Services Committee joined some liberal Democrats to approve, by a vote of 62 to 38, a resolution sponsored by Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arrzona who spent nearly six wars as a Arizona, who spent nearly six years as a a prisoner of war in Vietnam, and John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, a decorated Vietnam veteran who later turned against the war. The linear could provide substantial political cover for Mr. Clinton as he evaluates a

adation from his foreign-policy advis-

ers to lift the embargo.

According to sources, Mr. Clinton has hesitated to take the step, which would symbolically put a final end to the 30-year conflict beetwen the United States and the Vietnamese

Communists, because of his own history of avoiding the draft rather than serve in Vietnam.

Mr. Clinton has said he will not lift the embargo until he is satisfied that Vietnam is doing all it can to assist in the quest for information about the fate of more than 2,200 Americans still listed as missing from the war.

The Senate vote was the second big political lift this week for those who favor ending the embargo and allowing U.S. companies to leave the bitterness of the Vietnam War behind and participate in that country's fast-growing econ-

The Senate vote followed hours of sometimes passionate debate. The basic argument was this: Would lifting the trade embargo encourage Vietnam to continue making remains, doc-uments and artifacts available to U.S. teams searching for the missing or would it remove all leverage and reward Vietnam even as it contin-

U.S. Utale embarge, while Japan, France and others are doing business there "is an embargo against ourselves," he said.

"I think it is time to get Americans into

Victnam," said Larry Pressier, Republican of South Dakota, a Victnam veteran. It is time for us to lift the trade embargo. It is time for us to send an ambassador to Vietnam."

The resolution, attached to the State Department authorization bill, does not call for establishing diplomatic relations with Victnam or sending an amhassador. That step appears to be years away, even if the trade embargo is lifted

## The Democrats As Centrists: A Hit in Polls

By Thomas B. Edsall

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — One of the central themes of Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign was that he would, if elected, help shape a "new" Democratic Party. The underlying claim new" Democratic Party. was that his election would push the party away from some of the liberal policies of the previous

A year after President Clinton took office, the public believes the Democratic Party is more centrist, and there is some evidence it is in fact moving in that direction. Important figures

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on the party's left are changing their goals, voters are telling polisters that the Democratic Party is more moderate, and Mr. Chinton's own popularity ratings have risen when voters see him as more centrist and have fallen when he is

identified with liberal causes. it remains unclear how much of this has been forced by Mr. Clinton and how much is a

response to political pressure.
Two of the most significant developments involve leaders of the Democratic Party's liberal wing the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson and Governor Mario M. Chomo of New York. For almost all of last year, Mr. Jackson was

generally disregarded by the press and by elected officials as he pounded on liberal and progressive themes, including his often repeated demand that Mr. Clinton press for a large-scale increase in urban spending.

But as soon as Mr. Jackson shifted the focus

of his commentary to the issue of black-onblack violence and crime, he regained center stage on front pages and television news. He faced criticism from some allies on his left and among blacks for taking on the issue, but the media payoff has been enormous and may well reflect the broader concerns of the public. Mr. Chomo, in turn, effectively opened his

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A Russian soldier flanking a flag bearing Lenin's portrait during a ceremony Thursday at the St. Petersburg Cemetery to mark the end of the World War II siege of the city, then known as Leningrad. At least a million people died during the 900-day German Army assault.

# ues to avoid telling the truth? But in a larger sense, the define was about whether the war is finally over or not. Mr. Kerry argued that more than helf of Victorian's Committee of million people are under the age of 24 and by Emercine Malkin ing out that the report also did not address the the SEC chairman. Arthur Levitt, a form by describing the deposit form of the American Stock Exchange of the American Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK — The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday recommended increasing the amount of information investors can obtain about their trades and narrowing stock quotes so brokers have less

The SEC said the proposed changes were "incremental," implying a step-by-step proce-dure against considerable resistance by the industry, although some of the measures to increase the transparency of trading are under

The proposals do little, however, to solve the turf wars between the classic auction markets in the New York, American and regional stock exchanges and the almost galloping increase in trading by computer over what are called screen markets run by brokers themselves.

But it did question New York Stock Ex-change rules making it difficult for a company

to move to another exchange. The commissioners issued a statement point-

as internationalization of securities man kets, the rising number and importance of unregistered traders and the complex question of derivatives. They will "continue to be examined separately," the SEC said.

One of the most disputed proposals in the report would halve the increments in which stock prices are quoted from one-eighth of a dollar (12 cents) to one-sixteenth (6 cents) and eventually to quote them in decimals. Brokers make money on the spread in eighths of a dollar between the prices they ask and the prices that customers bid. If that spread is reduced, they

Brokers would also be required to tell retail customers if they have dealt through a stock specialist, which adds a middleman's charge. nvestment advisers would be required to tell clients if they have "soft dollar" arrangements with brokers that gives them free research or other services. If investors knew both of these things, presumably they could negotiate lower

in of the American Stock Excha said in his letter of transmittal that the report

offered "no 'right' or 'wrong' answers." Distancing himself from a report commissioned by his predecessor, he did not attend the news conference presenting it Washington.

The commission also did not make any copies of the report, Market 2000, available in New York. The report was commissioned two years ago by Richard Breeden, a former SEC chairman, under a Republican administration. Comments were based on summaries of the 500-page document distributed by fax and wire

Marc E. Lackitz, president of the Securities Industry Association, said he was pleased that that the markets were "functioning smoothly and not in need of radical change.

He added that he would study the report in detail when he received it. On Wall Street, it was unclear how much

influence the report would have. "No one really See MARKETS, Page 5

## Yeltsin Speaks Up **To Defend Cabinet**

## **Populist Line** Of Old Guard Stymies U.S.

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton ad-

ministration's policy toward the former Soviet Union is being undermined, slowly but surely, by the takeover in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine by politicians advocat-ing populist economics that American of-ficials believe will lead to financial ruin and political turmoil.

Only two weeks, ago President Bill Clinton traveled to Moscow and Minsk to deliver his message: more economic re-form will lead to more Westera aid. The leaders there nodded in agreement, and the White House pronounced the Clinton

visit a rousing success.

But no sooner did Mr. Clinton depart than one piece of bad news after another came rolling in from Moscow and Minsk - from the ouster of Russia's key eco-

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nomic reformers to the toppling of the liberal president of Belarus.

Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, has tried to put the best face on these sharp reversals, responding with the manura that "we're more interested in the policies than in the personalities" and that "President Yeltsin, as you know, reassured the president that he remains

committed to reform." Yet virtually all the cabinet members left standing in Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine are dedicated to policies that run completely counter to the economic advice Mr. Clinton gave those countries two weeks ago. It is hard to support reform

"I think the news since the president's Air Force One plane took off from Russia has been unremittingly bad," said Repre-sentative Lee Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"The reformers have been leaving." he said, "and the government is being doing nated by those people who are skeptical about free markets and want to go on supporting the big state industries. I, for one, will find it very difficult to support aid for Russia if the central bank there continues to pour money and credit into supporting these inefficient state-run in-

Behind its public facade of supporting policies not personalities, the administra-tion is also scrambling to figure out what to do, and bracing itself for what is already being whispered about in policy circles and political journals: a debate on who

What makes influencing events in Russia so difficult now, say administration officials, is that the main problem there is

not economics. It's politic That is, President Boris N. Yeltsin understands the economic advice the West is

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## He Rules Out **Policy Retreat**

By Lee Hockstader

Weshington Post Service

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, in his first public comments after the departure of leading reformers from his cabinet, defended his new government on Thursday and insisted that he had not abandoned plans to remake his country.

In a statement issued by his press office, Mr.

Yeltsin said he intended to use his considerable powers under the Russian Constitution to firmly defend reforms and ensure stability and

the continuation of the democratic course. The president dismissed criticism that the new government would gut his reformist pro-

gram as "excessive dramatization." Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kosti-

After overthrow of reformer, Belarus bastem to reassure the West. Page 2.

kov, said that if there was even a partial return of old-style command economics, "the president will nip this tendency in the bud."

Mr. Yeltsin's remarks appeared to constitute a response to mounting fears, taside Russia and in the West, that the new government will carry out policies that will roll back the free-market advances of the last two years.

Yet what remained unclear was whether Mr. Yeltsin was losing control over his own government, or whether he has made a calculated strategic retreat in the wake of parliamentary elections last month in which pro-reform parties fared poorly.

As usual, there were few clues about Mr. Yeltsin's thinking. He has appeared in public seldom in the last several months and has issued only occasional and laconic communi-

Rumors of his drinking, his health, despondency and detachment are part of Moscow's daily diet. Some of his advisers, like the state television chief. Alexander Yakovlev, have told him in the strongest terms that he must explain himself and his intentions to the nation often. Mr. Yeltsin has not heeded their advice.

Ella A. Pamfilova. former minister of social protection, who quit Jan. 16 in protest against the shift in government, said she had met Wednesday with Mr. Yeltsin to tender her resignation formally.

"The president appeared to me to be suffer-g and lonely," she said Thursday on Russian television. "My God! How few people there are on whom he can lean. The bitterest thing of all is that all the suffering we've been through in

the last two years has been in vain." Her remarks are part of a growing chorus from doom-sayers. Critics as varied as the U.S. director of central intelligence, Mr. Yeltsin's dismissed chiefs of finance and economics. Western economic advisers and leaders of former Soviet republics on Russia's periphery have all warned of dire consequences should the new

Russian government change course. Mr. Yeltsin's comments came a day after Finance Minister Boris G. Fvodorov resigned in anger, accusing the government of carrying out an "economic coup" led by "red managers." He said the economic management was now in the hands of "a cabinet of lifeless and incompetent state planning ideology."

Mr. Fyodorov was replaced by Sergei Du-binin, his deputy, Mr. Dubinin is well regarded

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## **Kohl Stresses** Risks of Bosnia Intervention

By Alan Friedman and Jonathan Gage International Herald Tribun

DAVOS, Switzerland - Chancellor Helmut Kohl issued his strongest warning to date on Thursday against any Western military intervention in the Bosnia conflict, saying it would require "hundreds of thousands of soldiers without necessarily establishing peace.

He said that there was "no easy solution" to the war and stressed that sending troops "would involve great sacrifices among the civilian population.

The German leader's comments, in the opening address at an international gathering of economic and business leaders in this resort town, came just 24 hours after the French government demanded that the United Nations call NATO troops into action in the former

Mr. Kohl did not specifically mention the French initiative but rather addressed his remarks to "those who say more intervention is needed "

He said that "those who give advice" should

listen instead to the military experts. Although acknowledging that the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina proved it was "an illusion that war has been banished from Europe" he nonetheless offered no remedy beyond suggesting that humanitarian supplies be provided for those suffering in the region.

In separate remarks concerning the political situation in Moscow, Mr. Kohl dismissed "those who say Yeltsin has no hope." The West, he said, "must maintain economic

assistance and promote reform in Russia." If reforms were to fail in Russia and other nations in East Europe, he said, "that would be fatal to Western Europe and to the Western

He repeated the view that it would be intolerable if Germany's border with Poland remained the European Union's eastern frontier.

consequences," he said, adding that West European members of the European Union should See KOHL, Page 5

# CIVIL STRIFE — Policemen restraining strikers in Madrid on Thursday. Spain was slowed by a one-day general stoppage called by unions protesting labor policies. Page 2.

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#### Skater Says She Knew **Details of Assault**

Tonya Harding said Thousday that she knew details of the attack on Nancy Kernigan after it had happened, but denied olanning to injure her skating rival. Miss Harding, the U.S. figure skating champion, said she wanted to remain on the U.S. Olympic team. (Page 17)

## It's (Blank), Paul, George and Ringo WASHINGTON - Who should replace

John Lennon? For Beatles fans everywhere — thrilled that

the group's three surviving members will make music together next month for the first time in 24 years - the very question smacks of sacri-No one, of course, can replace Mr. Lennon, who was mardered in 1980. But we can always

How about Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Start and ... Eric Clapton? The Fab Three and ... Bob Dylan? Or Mr. Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono? The hypothetical question of the Fourth Bea-

tle reveals how crucial the group remains to pop culture. Everyone has an opinion. The first who comes to mind is Eric Clapton, based on his sound -- and perhaps there is a bond there because he knew the Beatles," says Carroll James, 57, who also knew them and was the first disk jockey in America to play them on radio, in Washington in 1963.

the Beatles' raw early sound. "It seems like ever since the Beatles broke up, Others cited Tom Petty's suitability because Paul's been searching for someone to sing

with," says Mark Benson, 40, of Akron, Ohio, of his relationship with Mr. Harrison in the who plays Mr. Lennon in a touring show about Traveling Wilburys, an all-star ensemble that the Beatles. "Paul and Michael Jackson, Paul also featured Mr. Lynne and Mr. Dylan. and Stevie Wonder, Paul and Elvis Costello." lia, is on the list, as are various stars who would

For a reunion, he nominates Jeff Lynne, former vocalist for Electric Light Orchestra, who, he says, sounds uncannily like Mr. Len-

There's actually no word on whether the three former Beatles will bring anyone else into the studio, where they are to record music for a video documentary.

As they certainly don't need any help musically, the question becomes, who would add to the group, and not just mimic John? Mr. Costello, an acerbic vocalist and cutting songwriter, led the list in an informal poll,

mainly because he would probably offset Mr. McCartney's sappy lyrics and melodies. Some fans favored the punk stylings of John Lydon (who fronted the Sex Pistols) or Joe Strummer (a founder of the Clash) to recapture

on sympathy. "I say Pete Best, because he missed out the first time," says Roy Trakin, a columnist for the trade magazine Hits. Mr. Best was the drummer replaced by Mr.

Lenny Kravitz, who engages in neopsychede-

present interesting, though incongruous, additions: Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young, Billy

Some Fourth Beatle nominations are based

Joel, Sting, Van Morrison.

Starr just before the Beatles made it big. But in fairness, Mr. Trakin says, "it should be a family member, because those are the people closest to John." He suggests Mr. Lennon's sons Julian or Sean.

Another camp rightly asserts that the magic of the group can never be re-created.

At one time, at least, Mr. Harrison held this view himself, noting in 1989 that there could be no true Beatles remion "as long as John Lennon remains dead."

"Such a frontier would have catastrophic

## Belarus Reassures -West on Reform

## It Minimizes Effect of Ouster

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - The Belarus Foreign Ministry called diplomats in Minsk on Thursday to reassure them that the country's commitments to denuclearization and the market were unchanged by the overthrow of Stanislav S. Shushkevich, a liberal, as chairman of parliament and ceremonial head of

But the removal of Mr. Shushkevich on Wednesday by parliament, on spurious charges of corruption after two years of battling for early elections and economic reforms, leaves Belarus in the hands of the same Communist officials who ran it before the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991.

Mr. Shushkevich, 59, was an outspoken advocate of Belarussian independence and separation from Moscow, which had ruled Belarus since 1772. His opponents, including the longtime prime minister, Vyacheslav F. Kebich, favor ties to Russia that are almost akin to a reunion of the two states.

Mr. Kebich survived a similar test of parliamentary support Wednesday, with 175 deputies voting to retain him and 101 voting to dismiss him. Mr. Kebich may see the relatively close vote as a warning and try to hold elections early.

President Bill Clinton met with both men two weeks ago to thank Belarus for agreeing to scrap nucle-ar missiles and to offer American support for faster economic reform and early parliamentary elections. The visit was seen as an effort to prop up Mr. Shushkevich

[Washington reacted immediately after the Wednesday parliamen-tary vote of no-confidence in Mr. Shushkevich, Agence France-Presse reported. "We regret the removal of Mr. Shushkevich, who was a firm supporter of economic and democratic reforms." a U.S. official said, adding that it was hoped the the Belarussian commitment to eliminating its nuclear arsenal would not be affected.]

Senior Western diplomats in Minsk expressed concern before the Clinton visit that a reunion of Russia with Belarus could start an "imperial reconstruction" that Washington and the West did not want to see.

Their concerns have taken on weight after an American intelligence finding that Ukraine's unraveling hyperinflationary economy could create conflict between Ukrainians and ethnic Russians in eastern Ukraine, who might break the country apart to seek reunifica-tion with Moscow.

In Minsk on Thursday, the head of the opposition in parliament. Zyanon Paznyak, said the removal of Mr. Shushkevich represented "a creeping Communist compaimed at eliminating Belarussian statehood and imposing a dictatorship under

Yuri V. Khadipa, the deputy chairman of the opposition Belarus National Front, said: "Now the last stage of the reconstitution of the Russian Empire will begin with the induction of Belarus into the ruble zone. This move will prop up factories of the former Soviet military-industrial complex, which no one needs.

Having already forced through a military alliance that calls on Russia to defend Belarus, Mr. Kebich is a primary proponent of a Belarus-Russian economic union that would subordinate Minsk's financial policies to Moscow in return for cheap energy and the use of the ruble. He recently agreed on such a union with his counterpart, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, who is due to come to Minsk next week to iron

This monetary union, which will cost Russians many millions of dollars if the ruble is exchanged one-for-one for the weaker Belarussian currency and inter-enterprise debts are canceled, was one of the prime factors cited by Russian economic reformers when they quit their cab-

Minsk-based diplomats said events in Moscow and the return to dominance of Soviet-era managers had an obvious impact in Belarus. although they stressed that the Communist-dominated Supreme Soviet, first elected in March 1990, had been trying to overthrow Mr. Shushkevich for many months. They almost succeeded in July, but he was saved then by Mr. Paznyak and the opposition.

But this time, after more months of trying to balance between Mr. Kebich and Mr. Paznyak, Mr. Shushkevich ran out of supporters, many of whom were angered at his failure to protect two cabinet allies who were removed from office Tuesday. The interior minister and security chief were dismissed by parliament on charges of endangering national security. The officials had extradited two Communists to Lithuania, where they were accused of suppressing anti-Soviet protests in 1991 amid great violence.

"Shushkevich's failure to support those two created anger all around," a senior diplomat said, with many deputies accusing Mr. Shushkevich, during the closed session, of "betrayal."



Jewish settlers dancing in a house they occupied in Hebron, in the West Bank. The police later removed them, arresting 50.

## Rabin Praises King's Readiness to Meet Openly

New York Times Service JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin said Thursday that "important progress" had been made by King Hussein of Jordan when he said in Washington that he hoped to meet openly with him soon.

King Hussein is believed to have met se-

cretly with Israeli leaders many times. But his expressed willingness on Wednesday to go public was viewed by Israeli officials as a sign that he was ready for bolder steps in the Middle East peace negotiations.

No plans exist for an imminent meeting, they said. And they cautioned that it was

unclear how bold the king was prepared to be. He has long been reluctant to move much faster than Syria in talks with Israel, a point underlined by his signal in Washington that he wanted a comprehensive agreement in-volving all Arab parties in the negotiations— Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

Still, for all the questions about the chances for quick change, Mr. Rabin said he was glad to hear what King Hussein had said.

"The readiness for a public meeting is important progress," he said on army radio.
"If indeed he has shown willingness for a meeting, I would only be happy about that."

There was less enthusiasm Thursday about the prospects for an immediate breakthrough in the stalemate that has kept Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization from putting into effect their September accord on introducing Palestinian self-rule in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of

Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are to meet in Switzerland over the weekend in what both sides say they hope will produce a final ironing out of security arrangements.

## Lithuania Signs On as Partner for Peace

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS - Lithuania signed up for NA-

TO's new limited partnership plan Thursday, becoming the first former Soviet republic to

embrace the deal. Speaking to the ambassadors of the 16 member nations before signing the partnership document at the NATO headquarters, President Algirdas Brazauskas stressed Lithuania's "clear goal" of eventually joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

That aim could bring complications with Russia. Moscow opposes eastward expansion of the Western alliance and reacted with alarm earlier when Lithuania applied formally for NATO membership.

A spokesman for President Boris N. Yeltsin warned then that Lithuania's move could provoke "a negative reaction in Russian public opinion" and play into the hands of the country's extreme nationalists.

Mr. Brazauskas sought to allay Russian

"Lithuania's position regarding NATO membership is not directed against any neighboring or other European states," he said.

The integration of East European nations into NATO and other Western structures would "significantly support the strengthening and continuity of democratic processes in Russia," he added.

Lithuania became the second former Warsaw Pact state to accept the Partnership for Peace offer made earlier in the month at a summit meeting of alliance leaders. Romania signed up on Wednesday.

The partnership program will draw the East European nations closer but without granting them full membership in the alliance or the main security guarantee that goes with it -that an attack against one member is considered an attack against all.

But they will be able to join the alliance in military exercises, peacekeeping and other ac-tivities, and have delegations at NATO headquarters.

The program was designed to balance Russia's wornes about NATO enlargement with the desires of the new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe for closer ties, Poland and Estonia are expected to sign next

week, and other East European nations are likely to follow soon. Under the partnership proposal, the East

Europeans must share information about defense budgets and defense forces, promise civilian control over the military and standardize weapons systems.

Each nation is expected to agree on a specific work plan with the allies, tailored to its needs

and capabilities. Meanwhile, Russia accused the Baltic states (AP, Reuters) of seeking confrontation.

## Spain Slowed by General Strike as Workers Press González

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MADRID — Nearly 8 million Spaniards stayed away from work on Thursday in a 24-hour general strike called to seek changes in the Socialist government's economic policy and labor reforms, trade

Business leaders disputed the number, putting support for the strike at just 30 percent of those called out, compared with the 90 percent that the union figure repre-

pickets across the country and in

some places fired blank rounds to since it came to power in 1982. It mained open. Dozens of people

At a joint news conference, representatives of the giant General Workers' Union and Workers' Commissions insisted that Prime Minister Felipe González could not ignore the demands of the people any longer and would have to reformulate labor market reforms.

The strike is the fourth faced by Riot policemen clashed with Mr. González's administration job security.

disperse crowds of strikers gath- was called after five months of ered outside businesses that re- talks between government, business and unions on a "social pact" were injured, and more than 50 to combat economic recession and soaring unemployment broke down in November.

The government's labor reforms, introduced after the talks failed, made it easier for employers to hire and fire and encouraged recruitment of apprentices. Unions angrily branded the mea-

sures a direct attack on workers' rights and said they undermined he is ready to meet the amions at page.

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In Madrid, buses and subway will not back down on its labor reform measures.

strike was highest in the northerly Asturias region, with 100 percent of workers participating, while in the poor western region of Extremadura only 75 percent of workers backed the stoppage.
Unions said 80 percent of work-

ers at the telecommunications giant Telefonica stayed at home, but Banco Popular said only 12 percent

trains operated much reduced services but, although car traffic was The unions said support for the 20 percent below normal traffic wardens were spotted in the neardeserted streets.

In the northern city of Burgos, one picket was crushed and seriously injured early Thursday, apparently when a drunk driver drove his car into a picket line.

In the southern resort of Málaga, policemen fired blanks over the heads of thousands of strikers gath-

Mr. González has repeated that of its 12,000 staff backed the stop- ered outside a branch of the prestigious Corte Ingles chain store, which remained open.

> Hooded youths fought an hourlong battle with the autonomous Ertzaintza police in the Basque city of San Sebastian, flinging steel bolts and stones at officers and attacking cars after a pro-strike demonstration attended by several hundred people.

In Zaragoza, 13 strikers and two police officers were injured in clashes outside a another Corte In-(Reuters, AP)

### Firemen Clear Market Rubble in Nice

NICE (AFP) — Rescue services struggled Thursday to clear huge blocks of rubble from a supermarket whose noof collapsed here, killing at least 2 people and injuring 97. Prosecutors have opened an investigation

WORLD BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (NYT) — At least 22 people were killed Thursday in clashes between separatists and Indian security troops in the Kashmir region, Indian government officials said.

A Defense Ministry official said the violence began when gummen fixed at an Indian Army convoy on a road in Kupwara. Army troops, local at Indian Army convoy on a road in Kupwara in the city's busy main market caught in the crossfire.

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The death toll was the highest in a single day in Kashmir since October, when 40 people were killed after paramilitary soldiers opened fire on a crowd protesting an Indian army siege of a Muslim shrine in Srinagar.

LONDON (AFP) — China is replacing nuclear warheads on some of

its medium-range ballistic missiles with conventional loads, Jane's De

According to the specialist publication, which quoted military sources, According to the specialist publication, which quoted military sources, China is adapting some of its missiles "so that they can be more effectively employed in local wars."

It said the weapons being adapted include Dong Feng 21 (DF-21) missiles, most of which are based in the northwest Qinghai and southwest Yunnan provinces. This would allow coverage of northern India, most of the newly independent penulties of Central Asia, most of Vietnam and

the newly independent republics of Central Asia, most of Vietnam and other large areas of Southeast Asia, Jane's said.

LONDON (AP) - Incendiary devices planted by the Irish Republican

Army started fires early Thursday in three big stores in Oxford Street,

London's main shopping thoroughfare, police said.

Although the IRA did not immediately claim responsibility for the

damage, a Scotland Yard spokeswomen said the firebombings were

clearly the work of the protest group.

No one was injured in the firebombings, but police closed Oxford

Street for about two hours and evacuated six people from an apartment

U.S. Seals Plan to Sell F-15Es to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has reached agreement on a contract to sell 20 F-15E fighter-bombers to Israel. The announcement was made by the Israeli Defense Ministry, and congressional officials

The contract with the St. Louis-based McDonnell-Douglas Corp.

included an option for Israel to purchase five more F-15Es at a later date, but the exact timetable was not immediately known, the U.S. officials

said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The value of the contract was estimated at \$2 billion, the officials said.

McDonnell-Douglas did not return telephone calls seeking comment

The F-15 Eagle is one of the United States' most sophisticated weapons.

The Israelis have 51 older-model F-15s, but the new planes would enable

them to reach foes such as Iran and Iraq. Congress must be notified about such a sale and would have time to adopt legislation to block it.

May You Live 100 Years (Eat Ants): BEIJING (AFP) — Eat ants if you want to live for 100 years, advises a Chinese professor who has devised dozens of recipes

The professor, Wu Zhicheng, has invented about 40 types of cakes and a dozen ant-based alcoholic and tea drinks, all of which are on

sale in the eastern Chinese city of Nanjing, the Xinhua press agency

said Thursday. Mr. Wu described ants as a "miniature mutritional

treasure," packed with proteins that can ward off illness and aging and speed growth in children. Chinese biologists closely monitor the

food value of insects, which are rich in protein and low in fats. Some

...And Have Some Wine on the Side

LONDON (Reuters) — Drinking a little alcohol helps people live longer, Danish researchers reported.

The report, written by experts at the University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Municipal Hospital, confirmed earlier findings

studied 13,000 men and women aged 30 to 79, who reported their

"The lowest risk was observed at one to six alcoholic beverages a

week," the experts wrote in the Friday issue of British Medical Journal. "Abstainers had a relative risk of 1.37, which means they

were nearly one and a half times more likely to die. Those drinking-

In June, doctors at a conference in France were told that people who drink wine in moderation suffer less heart disease than tectotal-

lers or heavy drinkers and tend to live longer, in part because two

glasses of wine a day tend to help lower unhealthy cholesterol levels.

more than 70 beverages a week had a relative risk of 2.29, or were two

that a moderate intake of alcohol can be beneficial. The researche

claim that maggots could become a basic food in the 1990s.

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At Least 22 Killed in India Clashes .

into the disaster.

Fire fighters using cranes began removing the concrete blocks after officials decided that there was no hope of finding more survivors. Overnight, emergency services using dogs crawled under the smashed roof, which weighted some 1,500 tons, but the dogs found no more signs of life in the Casino supermarket, off the Promenade des Anglais near the

The supermarket was undergoing extension work, and it was also theorized that the weight of a roof garden, sopping wet after heavy rain, caused the collapse. Six of the 97 survivors were severely injured.

## Still No Answers in the Fire That Destroyed Airbus in Paris

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — A week after it occurred, the fire aboard one of the world's most modern aircraft - an almost new Airbus A-340 - remains a mystery. It also illustrates a little-known

fact about the aviation business: more aircraft catch fire while stationary on the ground than while moving along runways or in the air. The police still are investigating the fire that gutted the fuselage of

tional Airport in Paris. The plane had just undergone engine tests in a maintenance area and was being prepared for service. There were no

most expensive, among a couple of dozen large passenger aircraft that have burned on the ground in the last 20 years, some of them involving hangar fires as well. One reason for this, according to industry sources, is that aircraft are at their

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systems are switched off. fires aboard aircraft. They include

It was one of the newest, and the

older models, like Boeing 707s, 727s and 737s and Douglas DC-8s operated by small airlines out of Third World airports, but also modern aircraft flown by well-run airlines in the developed countries. The destroyed A-340 was the

10th of the long-range aircraft to be delivered and had clocked up only about 2,500 hours of flight in a half year of service - enough to overthe \$120 million Air France Airbus most vulnerable when parked become teething pains or to reveal any serious faults. A spokesman for

pression technology.

Because more people are killed by smoke inhalation than flames in at the company, even though there was no immediate evidence of sab-

dered for some time without reveal- be made public. There is no pattern to ground ing itself by flames or smoke.

Once fire fighters arrived, it took them 30 minutes to control the blaze, but nobody knows how long the plane had been on fire before they arrived. Éven Airbus engineers have not

had a chance to examine the wreck closely, because the police investigation is being carried out in strict secrecy. This is because immediately after the blaze, Air France filed a charge of criminal damage against a person or persons unknown, a routine legal procedure in acci-Airbus said the plane, the first of dents, fires or deaths where the the company's aircraft to burn in a cause is not immediately apparent stationary accident made use of Sources at Lloyd's of London the latest fire-prevention and sup- said Air France would have been

It was the first major ground fire in Paris since 1985 when a Boeing 747 belonging to the airline UTA burned in a parking bay at De Gaulle airport.

Sources close to the investigation said experts had been looking at the possibility that the fire started in or near one of the wheel wells. One theory, according to the sources, is that it began not on the aircraft but in an auxiliary power unit parked on the ground close to

The A-340 contains miles of electric cables but as on all modern aircraft that rely heavily on comlated and shielded than on older aircraft to prevent interference from electromagnetic sources. The cargo area is starved of oxygen to careful to eliminate materials that otage.

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European authorities and by the Federal Aviation Administration in the United States.

Rodney Wallis, an aviation security consultant, said the fact that even such a modern airpiane could burn so thoroughly highlighted the need for airlines to think carefully about evacuating passengers from blazing cabins. Unfortunately, he said, many airlines are squeezing in more rows of seats to increase revenue, making it potentially harder for people to get out - particularly if there is smoke, panic and baggage everywhere.

Royal Navy Visits Cape Town

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - Britain's Royal Navy returned to Cape Town on Thursday after an ab-sence of 27 years. The frigate Norfolk and its auxiliary escort vessel

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

Sorry, California Tells Japan Tourists

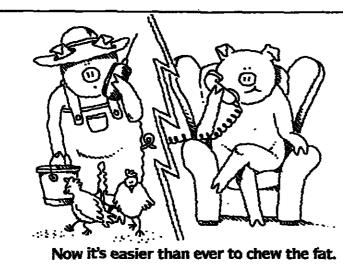
SACRAMENTO, California (Reuters) — Governor Pete Wilson of California has apologized to 22 Japanese executives who were robbed at gampoint as they sat on a tour bus, Mr. Wilson's office said Wednesday. Mr. Wilson, apparently worned the incident could scare away tourists, also released an "open letter to Japanese travelers" assuring them of California's safety. The 22 were robbed of their money and valuables by two men who took over their bus after a factory outlet visit.

injections of lead into the Leaning Tower of Pisa have succeeded in bringing the structure, believed to be in danger of collapse, almost a full centimeter closer to the vertical, restoration experts said Wednesday. However, the 54 meter tower remains closed to the public. (AFP) British Airways says its partner, USAir, is to move its domestic U.S.

services at Kennedy airport to BA's terminal there to improve connections with BA's eight daily trans-Atlantic flights. (Resters) The case of a Houstonian who fatally shot a Scot mistaken for a burglar goes to a grand jury this week. It will hear testimony in the case of Andrew De Vries, who was killed Jan. 7 after he banged on the back door of the house owned by Jeffrey Agee. Mr. Agee said he thought Mr. De Vries, who also rang his front doorbell, was a burglar.

(AP)

South Korea's two airlines will cover 19 new routes this year, including cities in America, China and Russia, the Transportation Ministry said in Seoul New destinations for Korean Air Lines and Asiana Airlines are docked in Victoria Basin after be-ing welcomed with a 21-gan salute. Khabarovsk, Mexico City and Brussels. (Reuters)



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## THE AMERICAS / SOUL-SEARCH NECESSIONS

## Dilemma of Knowing: Patients, Not Doctors, Now Make the Hard Choices

By Elisabeth Rosenthal New York Times Service

NEW YORK - When Bonnie G. NEW YORK — When Bonnie G. patients to make decisions that tear at scheduled a sonogram in the middle of their souls. her pregnancy, she was looking forward to what modern technology could offer her: a peek at her fetus and the chance to be reassured that her child - a boy, she discovered — would be fine.

Instead, the grainy television image the sonogram produced brought her disturbing information and forced her to make heart-wrenching choices that past generations never faced.

Mrs. G's test showed that her baby, due in April, had a blockage of his urinary system that had probably caused permanent damage to his kid-neys. While he could be born normal, the doctors said, he would most likely need dialysis or an organ transplant in childhood, and might be so sick that he

Twenty-one weeks into a trouble-free says that the good patient is the most pregnancy, Mrs. G. and her husband, consumer-oriented, who gets the most pregnancy, Mrs. G. and her husband, Bryan, listened in disbelief as doctors explained that they could choose abor-tion or could go forward with no guar-antee of the prospects for their child.

We went home that Friday night numb and stayed at home all weekend, trying to understand, trying to figure out what to do," said Mrs. G., who declined to be identified because of the sensitive nature of her decision.

tinely called the shots, are now taught to include patients in medical decisionmaking and patients are under pressure to be smart customers. would die shortly after birth.

> information and makes the most informed decision," said Dr. Jimmie Holland, chief of psychiatry at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New

We have created a climate which

Should a middle-aged woman with

widespread breast cancer choose a

bone-marrow transplant, which brings

with it the promise of a longer remission

than standard therapy but also a 5 per-

Should a baby with a severe heart defect

be allowed to die at birth, or undergo

corrective surgery — even though the

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"Patients feel a tremendous obligation to make judgment oneself," she

In the days after their initial sonosensitive nature of her decision.

New technology offers patients like cheted between their home, jobs and Bonnie G. a fantastic explosion of inductors offices for consultations, more articles and statistics — what they call

But it has also increasingly required information that might help them.

They had just three weeks, because abortions are generally illegal after the 24th week of pregnancy. During that time they vacillated, with each positive test result propelling them forward, each negative giving them panse, and vocal relatives who opposed abortion adding confusion.

Although later tests provided them with some valuable data, the best of modern medicine could not firmly predict their child's fate.

"Technology takes you a certain amount of the way, but then you have to make the decision without all the infor-These almost impossible choices are now frequently falling into the laps of patients, since doctors, who once roumation you want to have," said Dr. Richard L. Berkowitz, chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Depart-ment at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, who helped the couple make up their minds

> Patients deal with these difficult choices in different ways. Some become bookworms, while others rely on gut instinct. Some solicit dozens of medical opinions, while others follow the direction of a doctor they trust.

Doctors see their role as helping pa-tients make choices — providing data and leading an informed ear — but many medical ethicists who believe in patient choice say the trend can be

"truth-dumping" — leaves patients not better informed but just confused.

Barrie Allen inched over eight years toward the agonizing decision to have a heart transplant, a decision she at first avoided with determination and then, just as energetically, faced by reading nest. hundreds of articles and interviewing

When, at the age of 34, doctors first said she would need a transplant to

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Dr. Richard L. Berkowitz, Obstetrician

correct an inherited weakening of the heart, she said, "No way: I don't want to think about that," and put it out of her mind.

"I was still feeling pretty well at the beginning," she added, "but as you get sicker and sicker, you begin to take it more seriously.

By December 1990, when shortness of breath and fatigue had made it impossible for her to join her husband on trips or even walk up stairs, her cardiologist said it was time for a transplant, and Mrs. Allen began to study in ear-

Immediately, she recalls, she went to the local library and copied every source that had anything to do with transplants.

Although most transplant patients can resume a relatively normal life six months after surgery, 5 percent will die

in the first 30 days.

It was only her rapid deterioration in late 1991 that scaled the decision that all her research had recommended.

"When they found a donor, I was in the hospital, unable to get out of bed. with tubes coming out of my body." she said. "I had already had a sister and a mother die of this disease, so it was clear where I was headed without the opera-

In contrast, Donald P. Scanlon Jr. placed his faith in his doctor at Sloan-Kettering and in God and decided in a mere two days to undergo a bone-marrow transplant, a go-for-broke radical cancer treatment whose aim is to cure, but can sometimes kill.

Choosing the most aggressive form of treatment suited his temperament, said Mr. Scanlon, a former boxer and now a managing director for equities at Bear, Stearns & Co. in New York.

tumor of the lymph nodes with conventional therapy - four open-chest surgeries and many rounds of chemotherapy - only to have the tumor return cach time.

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So when doctors suggested the transplant and described the sometimes harrowing ordeal, he was inclined to say yes without reading or research. He said he still did not fully understand the procedure that saved his life.

"I really didn't want to know too much about it," he said. "I thought it would confuse me more. I told my doctors. 'Let's get going; it's in your hands."

Perhans the most tortured medical decisions today involve prenatal diagnosis, where technology can often provide only glimpses of problems and where the only sure solution to many of the anomalies discovered is abortion, a curred. Again they hesitated.

procedure often laced with guilt and

The tests were repeated every few procedure often laced with guilt and

When Mrs. G.'s routine ultrasound

too late to abort, doctors jumped in with a grueling afternoon of tests: another sonogram to look for kidney damage; an amniocentesis to see if her son's oblem could be related to a genetic abnormality: another needle passed through her abdomen and uterus, into wait and see,"

At 36, he had spent a year tackling a the bladder of the fetus to see if the fluid there would yield clues to the degree of damage.

"It was the most devastating day," she recalled. "At that point we had very little information, and we were hearing the worst-case scenario."

The roller-coaster ride continued over the next week as each test result returned. The amniocentesis revealed that the fetus had a minor chromosomal abnormality, whose effect on their child no one could predict.

But a later blood test showed that Mrs. G. carried the same anomaly and since she was normal, doctors said it probably did not cause the fetal prob-

Once again the pregnancy went forward. Then the fetal urine showed that the kidneys were functioning but that some degree of injury had already oc-

weeks, and just days before the deadline for abortion the couple got some good showed that her baby had a blockage of news: The blockage had partly opened, his penis, her doctors referred her to and a new sample of the fetal urine ecialists.

With only three weeks before it was proving.

Still, the 11th-hour improvement was Still, the 11th-hour improvement was

enough to make up the couple's minds. "At that point we breathed a little easier and decided to continue," Mrs. G. said. "Technology has been nothing but a help, so far. Now we just have to

## After the Quake, Crime Took a Breather

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr. New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Now the good news from the Great Quake. On any given normal day in Los Angeles, the police make roughly 500 arrests, about a third of them for major crimes like murder, rape

But these are not normal days in Los Angeles. In the first 10 days after the quake hit, the total number of arrests made in the city hardly equaled one day's work in the prequake days, about 500 in all or roughly 50 arrests a day.

We've tripled the number of officers patrolling the streets," ex-plained John Dunkin, chief spokesman for the Los Angeles Police

Normally, there are about 700 officers out on patrol during each shift. But since the quake, about 2,000 have been working every

And at times they have been augmented by several hundred National Guard troops, though most of them are now gone since looting off the down-and-out.

Michael Nethon/Aperce France-Presse argued," Mr. Dunkin Said. "You Santa Monica when the Jan. 17 A resident of Canoga Park, California, and one of her dogs on the lookout for the other one, which has been missing since the quake. put enough officers on the street quake occurred.

and you'll get results in cutting the Like many parts of greater Los places because there was a bit of in line were the homeless. damage just about everywhere."

Did the quake have any special

impact on the criminal mind?

Now the bad news. Starting Thursday night, the Ken Nelson, replied: "The politimostly in the San Fernando Valley. the natural disaster homeless." 

The city of Santa Monica, perched in liberal wealth and sunny beauty on the Pacific bluffs west of downtown Los Angeles, has long been a place of refuge for the home-

Sometimes referred to as "the People's Republic of Santa Monica," it has a policy, hammered out in heated argument, of not running

"It's proof of what we've always noble that good fortune smiled on

crime rate. We put a lot of officers Angeles, Santa Monica took a pretin areas that were hard hit, but we ty good hit. And when the disaster also put extra officers most other aid centers opened, among the first They were turned away, told that

since they had possessed nothing to begin with, they had lost nothing, "Nope," Mr. Dunkin replied.

"There was no significant increase or decrease in any particular kind of lambraching or like the decrease in the decrease in any particular kind the state."

"We have to get people back to their pre-existing state," explained their pre-existing state," explained of lawbreaking, only the decrease in crime overall."

Kathleen Maher, a Red Cross worker. To which one homeless person.

number of officers patrolling re- cos must realize that it is almost turned to prequake levels except in impossible to distinguish between the hardest-hit neighborhoods, the national disaster homeless and

> The Great Quake was only the latest disaster to strike Los Ange-

First came recession, followed by riot, followed by fire, followed rain and mud. For many, the California dream has become a

nightmare. hardest blow of all, most Los Ange-pick up and start again. I will pick les residents say they plan to pick up and start again." themselves up and rebuild, not pick

nies report an increase in demand for vans for out-of-state moves or moves to parts of the state less prone to earthquakes.

But these are the exceptions, a poll by the Los Angeles Times says. It found that only about I of every 30 Angelenos planned to flee. Robin Rees will not be among

'I'm California born and raised, and I'm not going anywhere said, standing in front of her quake-demolished apartment in Northridge, the San Fernando Valley community atop the epicenter of the quake.

She was clutching a bouquet of paper roses, brought to her by a grimy fireman who had recovered it in what was left of her mangled apartment. Everything else that the fireman had been able to recover rested at her feet, in two black garbage bags.
"Life in California is good, what-

Still, even in the aftermath of the ever else happens," she said, "i can

up and flashing a grin, "I'm a Val-True, job recruiters report some ley girl. Like. Val gals are different. Right?"

#### Reno's Deputy and Another Top Aide Resign

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WASHINGTON - Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymain announced his resignation on Thursday, citing differences in "operating and management styles" between him and Attorney General Janet Reno.

Mr. Heymann disclosed his decision while sitting beside Ms. Reno

at her normal weekly news conference at the Justice Department. Ms. Reno also confirmed in response to questions that one of her senior aides, Lula Rodriguez, under Justice Department investigation in connection with a vote fraud case in Miami, had resigned to pursue "other opportunities," which Ms. Reno did not specify.

Ms. Reno and Mr. Heymann both denied that there was any

policy difference between them, and that no single incident had led to his decision to resign now. They said they had been discussing their "chemistry" for weeks. Mr. Reno called the decision "very Mr. Heymann offered to stay until a successor was chosen, but

said at the news conference that he would not linger a "lame duck" and expected to be back teaching at Harvard University by summer. Mr. Heymann said he first raised the management difficulties with Ms. Reno in early January, and she raised it again earlier this week.

"I said, 'I don't think it's working, what do you think?" Ms. Reno said of her conversation with Mr. Heymann.

Mr. Heymann said, "Six seconds after that, we were talking about

how to unravel it in a way that would make sense for the depart-

#### Welfare Bill May Reach House Panel by April

WASHINGTON—Representative Harold T. Ford, Democrat of Tennessee, chairman of the House subcommittee that will handle President Bill Clinton's welfare reform legislation, says he that expects to receive the administration's bill in April and that enactment by Congress is possible before the November mid-term elec-

Mr. Ford's human resources subcommittee should be able to complete hearings and send its recommendations to the full Ways and Means Committee by summer, the chamman said. Welfare reforms are also likely to originate in the Senate, he said, where they are expected to face stiff opposition from some liberals, who regard time-limited benefits as too harsh, and conservatives, who regard

proposed job-creation programs as too expensive.

Noting that in his State of the Union Message Mr. Clinton said tackling health-care and welfare reform at the same time was an "imperative," Mr. Ford said, "Last night, for the first time, we got back on target and ready to move." Mr. Clinton said he would send a welfare bill to Congress this spring.

## State of the Youal Cords, on Morning After

WASHINGTON - That raspy State of the Union Message, it turns out, came only after practice, practice, practice, and by the time President Clinton woke up on Wednesday morning, he could speak only in a whisper.

For his 63-minute monologue, this will be the price: two days of tea, lozenges and silence —or as close to the latter as the loquacious leader can come, his aides said. All presidential appearances through Thursday were canceled.

Mr. Chinton has suffered from hoarseness before, with doctors sometimes blaming allergies or a chronic throat silment. But a doctor who examined the president concluded that he suffered from a job-related injury: more talk than the average vocal cords can bear.

"It was a question of overuse," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, her role, at least temporarily, having grown more important.

#### Quote/Unquote

Oliver L. North, the former White House national security aide who was involved in the Iran-contra affair, as he kicked off his campaign for the U.S. Senate in Virginia as a Republican: "I have the hide of an armadillo."

## **Senator Urges End of Threats to China**

WASHINGTON - A leading Democratic voice on trade in the Senate says the policy of annually threatening China with trade sanctions is outdated, ineffective, harmful to the reform process in China and should be permanently scrapped this June if China meets mini-mum United States demands.

The senator, Max Baucus of Montana, who is chairman of the subcommittee on international trade, said Thursday that if the Clinton administration actually carried out its threat to withdraw China's trade benefits it would be "the equivalent of a nuclear bomb" in terms of economic and political fallout.

Mr. Bancus has long opposed using tariffs as a tool to influence China's behavior. His state, Montana, is a major exporter of wheat to Chi-

But his remarks echoed a view emerging from the administration itself in recent weeks, and suggested that a new consensus could be forming among Democrats on China policy. Most Republicans are already opposed to linking trade status to human rights.

House wants to put in South Korea

are a little more advanced than

those used in the Gulf War against

Iraq, but they still may be of limit-

ed value against North Korea's

best missiles, according to military

The Patriot is the United States'

only means of shooting down bal-

listic missiles in flight, and none are

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media to interfere in the internal

affairs of China and other Asian

compries and to create confusion."

said a Foreign Ministry spokes-

He said the United States had

"trampled on the universally ac-

knowledged norms governing in-

man, Wu Jianmin.

Frank G. Wisner, undersecretary

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. also sug-gested during his visit to Beijing last week that if the Chinese could just meet the Clinton administration's human-rights conditions, set out in the president's executive order last June, the White House would then be prepared to scrap, once and for all, the annual threat to withdraw preferred trading status on the basis

of China's human-rights record. The so-called most-favored-nation status allows China to export its products to the United States at the lowest possible tariffs.

Supporters of a policy change argue that trade with China is now so economically important to the United States, and so important for encouraging political reform in China, that if the sanctions threat were actually applied the effects would be disastrous for both U.S. business and Chinese reform.

One reason both Senator Baucus and Mr. Bentsen are speaking out now is in the hope of influencing China's actions by holding out the carrot of permanent unlinking of trade sanctions and human rights.
— THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Can Patriot Missiles Stop Korean Scuds?

In its only use in combat, a ver- at the Heritage Foundation.

dergone improvements to its radar might not work well against North

and software that enables it to Korea's newest deployed model of

track incoming missiles. A more the Scud, the Scud-C.

WASHINGTON — Patriot air-defense missiles that the White House wants to put in South Korea arations" on the Korean Peninsula. Bruce Spring, senior policy analyst

sion of the Patriot known as the

Pac-2 went up against Iraqi Scud rockets in in 1991. The U.S. Army

contends that they were successful, but many U.S. and Israeli special-

ists have said the Patriots destroyed

few, if any, of the Scud warheads.

envisioned as a conduit of news.

Liberty and Radio Free Europe.

Since the war, the Pac-2 has un-

of defense for policy, said Wednes- sophisticated Patriot, the Pac-3, is

**■ Dissidents Issue Petitions** In an unusual show of defiance, dissidents

issued petitions Thursday demanding justice for two men who were said to have been mistreated by Chinese authorities, The Associated Press reported from Beijing.

One petition was particularly noteworthy because about 350 people signed, including intellectuals, professors, poets, artists, journalists and even officials.

It demanded a fair hearing for an artist's lawsuit against the police, asserting that he was illegally detained and beaten.

Signature campaigns of that scope have been almost unheard of since 1989, when authorities cracked down on all dissent after using the army to crush the democracy movement in

The second petition, signed by 11 dissidents, called for the release of Qin Yongmin, who was detained late last year for launching a "peace charter.'

David C. Wright, senior staff sci-entist at the Union of Concerned

Scientists in Cambridge, Massa-

chuseits, wrote recently that North

Korea had probably followed Iraq's example and achieved extra

range in the Scud by lengthening it

so that it can carry more fuel. The

modified Iraqi Scuds re-entered the

atmosphere at such speed that the

fuse on the Patriot warhead could

not be detonated in time to hit the

believe the Patriot would do any

better against the North's Scud-Cs.

He said there was no reason to

Scud head-on.

Earlier this week, Mr. Qin was reported sentenced to two years at a labor camp.

## Solarz's Appointment To India Still in Doubt

By Todd S. Purdum New York Times Service

Department investigation of former Representative Stephen J. Solarz that had delayed his nomination as ambassador to India ended without the filing of charges this week, but the White House indicated that it was not yet prepared to

nominate Mr. Solarz. A New York Democrat and an Asian affairs expert, Mr. Solarz had hoped the appointment would assuage his 1992 electoral defeat. He has been the subject of months of mysterious and conflicting re-

ports in New York and Washing-Senior congressional Democrats said the White House had told them the nomination would not be made, but White House officials

said no decision had been reached. Starting last summer, Mr. Solarz said the administration had informed him that he would be the next envoy to New Delhi. The State Department lent him a desk in the South Asian affairs bureau and he went through official seminars and orientations for ambassadors-tobe. Then, with no public explana-

Mr. Solarz said he had had no recent discussions with the White House about his nomination, despite repeated recent reports that it would not come through.

tion, the appointment was put on

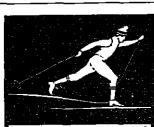
Acknowledging that the ap-pointment could be dead, he added: "It may well be. I suppose it would not be the first time something like this happened, but I'd be quite honestly surprised."

The nomination was said to have been stalled by a criminal investigation into his efforts - first as a

consultant - to help a Hong Kong WASHINGTON — A Justice entrepreneur with a criminal record obtain a U.S. visa. Administration officials said they could not proceed with the nomination while an FBI inquiry remained open.

On Wednesday, Mr. Solarz's attorney, Nathan Lewin, said Justice Department officials had informed him late Tuesday that their inquiry had been concluded with no recommendations for further action. "It's as close as you get to vindi-

cation from the criminal division. Mr. Lewin said of the finding.



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#### China Demands That U.S. The first shuttle flight with a Russian astronaut aboard is scheduled to lift off from Cap Canaveral next Thursday. The astronaut, Sergei Drop Its Asia Radio Plan Krikalev, and five Americans will fly on the 60th shuttle mission. During the eight-day flight on the shuttle Discovery, the crew is to release a research satellite and then retrieve it for the trip home. ternational relations," and "violat-• A haby girl whose parents carry the gene for Tay-Sachs disease was ed the principles" of previous BELIING - China demanded

Chinese-U.S. agreements.
"The U.S. side should withdraw Thursday that the United States drop plans to set up a new radio station, Radio Free Asia, calling it its plan," Mr. Wu added. The Senate on Tuesday apwillful interference in China's inproved the Radio Free Asia plan Wednesday in Orange, Texas. contained in a pending State De-"The real objective of establishpartment bill. The radio station is

> information and commentary for required 10 paramedics. the people of Burma, Cambodia, China, Laos, North Korea and Vietnam. It would be administered by the U.S. Information Agency and would be modeled on Radio

## **Away From Politics**

By deploying Patriots, he said.

"you're not going to get every square inch of South Korea de-

fended against missile attacks from

the North." But even in limited

numbers, he added, the Patriots

Others, however, said the Patriot

will provide "real defense."

born free of the fatal defect. She was tested when she was just an eight-cell embryo in a laboratory container at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia. The birth raised hopes that doctors will be able to select and implant fertilized eggs free of other inherited diseases. The baby, Brittany Nicole Abshire, was born

 Rescue workers had to knock down an apartment wall to reach a sick 700-pound (about 320-kilogram) woman who could not fit through her front door in Fort Landerdale, Florida. The effort

• A London computer programmer won a big bet in Las Vegas. Chris Boyd saved for three years to plunk \$220,000 on one spin of the roulette wheel at Binion's Horseshoe casino. When the number came up red, he had doubled his money.

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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1994

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service ZAGREB, Croatia - The United Nations said Thursday that it for money were "baseless." had found no evidence of largescale corruption, black-market trading, drug trafficking or smng-gling of people ont of Sarajevo by members of its peacekeeping force in Bosnia and substantiated only a innited number of cases where individuals had engaged in illegal

Presenting the conclusions to a 45-day investigation focused pri-marily on the activities of the UN Protection Force in Sarajevo last Army officer who led the investiga-year, the UN special representative tion, Major General Gunther year, the UN special representative here, Yasushi Akashi, tild say that evidence had been found of some trading in cigarettes, alcohol and coffee in late 1992 and early 1993.
He said it was also probable that fuel had been misappropriated by some individuals who had taken advantage of "deficiencies" in the

accounting system.

Some of the conclusions in the report are likely to surprise reporters who have worked in Sarajevo and had either direct or indirect knowledge of UN personnel selling goods and fuel at exorbitant prices and of city residents asked to pay as much as 5,000 Demsche marks 1\$300) to obtain passage on a UN plane out of Sarajevo.

The report, however, said there

The investigation found that while some of the allegations were with merit, there was no evidence to confirm the claim that widespread or systematic illegal activity had been carried out by UN per-sonnel," he said. "While there were cases of impropriety, there were only a limited number of cases in which illegality was firmly established "

Mr. Akashi and the Austrian Grandl, said 23 UN soldiers had been sent home and seven localhire civilians dismissed from their jobs for involvement in illegal ac-tivities. Nineteen of the UN soldiezs were from Ukraine and four

It was the Ukraine hattalion stationed in Sarajevo early last year that was reputed to be actively involved in the illegal sale of fuel that was then in extremely short supply.

Mr. Akashi also said the fivemember investigative commission had discovered only one case of illegal drug activity while it had found "absolutely no basis" for press allegations that UN staff had been involved. Nor was there any evidence its personnel had been imwas no evidence of any "organized, plicated in "illegal prostitution activities."

U.S. Approves Transfer Of Nuclear Fuel to U.K.

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department has approved a Swiss government request to ship about 35 tons of used nuclear fuel to Britain, where its phytonium content will be recovered at a new chemical treatment plant.

Switzerland's application was widely viewed among nuclear non-proliferation watchdogs and members of Congress as the first test of the Clinton administration's declared policy of discouraging the reprocessing of nuclear fuel and additions to the world's plutonium

Plutonium, a by-product of the irradiation of uranium fuel in maclear reactors, is the prinsary building block of nuclear weapons.
In a letter to Lee H. Hamilton of Indiana, who heads the House For-

cign Affairs Committee, Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary said she had "reached the judgment that it will not result in a significant increase in the risk of problemation light the regardles was relinested?" in a separate letter, the director of the Arms Control and Disarmathat blocking the shipment, after pounds is sufficient to produce a years in which such requests were crude nuclear bomb, according to ment Agency, John D. Holom; said routinely approved, "would lead to

bid for a fourth term with an ad-dress featuring three themes de-

signed to appeal to Republicans

and independents: corporate tax

cuts, tough crime legislation, in-

third violent felony conviction, and

welfare reform, including finger

printing of applicants for assis-

Mr. Clinton's positive and nega-

tive poll ratings over his first year in office have offered a lesson to

Stanley Greenberg, Mr. Clin-

ton's pollster, said his negative rat-

ings reached a high during spring and early summer last year. This coincided with the one period, Mr.

Greenberg said, when a plurality of

voters saw him as a "liberal" Dem-

ocrat, as opposed to moderate or

new" Democrat. This was at the

same time that Mr. Chaton was

DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Kathryn Manasse (Kluver)

was American and proud of it. She was a member of the Bar in the state of New York. She loved

the state of New York. She loved to ski, sail, play termis, swim and a lot more. She was very helpful everywhere and a very sportive person. The whole family loved her very much. She was born in Glens Falls, N.Y. in 1948. She lived in America for 31 years before coming to Monaco, where she lived until Wednesday, the 26th of January. Kathy had two children, Patrick and Colin, of which she was very proud and a

which she was very proud and a lowing husband, Donald. Donald Manasse, Colin Manasse,

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members of his party.

dermine the cooperation needed to pursue the administration's broad

As a nation that does not have nuclear weapons and signed the ity. Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Switzerland obtains enriched uranium fuel for its nuclear power plants from the United States. The arrangement gives the United States legal control over disposition of the used fuel.

With the world stready confronting a linge stockpile of surplus phytomum from dismanded ancient weapons, President Bill Clinton has called for a ban on the production of phytonium from commercial fuel. But the administration has been reluctant to challenge fueldisposition plans of friendly na-tions that call for extracting the platonium for possible future use

as a source of energy. A notice on the approval in the Federal Register says that Switzerland is to ship 112 used fuel assemide Reprocessing Plant. Chemical reprocessing will result in the production of 421 kilograms (926 pounds) of phitomium. About 15

weapons coperts. -THOMAS W. LIPPMAN ventionists to stay out.

**DEMOCRATS:** The Public Likes a Centrist Party

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and welfare reform.

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Polis conducted by the Demo-cratic firm Mellman, Lazarus,

Lake, together with the Tarrance

Group, a Republican concern, found that when Mr. Clinton took

office the public gave him an edge of 8 percentage points over Repub-licans on the question of who

would be better able to "hold the

donedhis promise not to raise taxes

on the middle class, the Republi-

cans enjoyed a 32-point advantage

over Mr. Clinton. The December

poll showed, however, that the

margin has now fallen to just 10

One of the most striking findings of the December poll was that Mr.

Clinton and the Democratic Party

continue to hold slight advantages

over the Republican Party on three

issues that during much of the 1980s had been strong phases for Republicans: reducing the deficit,

cutting government waste and

These advantages do not guaran-

tee that the party's candidates will

win elections, especially at a time when the strength of partisan iden-

tification is declining. These find-ings do mean, however, that the

Republicans cannot automatically

gain an edge in campaigns, as they did in the 1980s, by shifting the

public discourse to the deficit, gov-

And on the increasingly salient southern state of Chiapas.

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fighting crime and drugs.

points, 44 percent to 34 percent.

By May, after Mr. Clinton aban-

the public agenda en health care

# Mr. Akashi added that media accusations that UN employees smuggled people out of Sarajevo T. T. T. In Lesotho

By Paul Taylor

JOHANNESBURG - Leaders of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana have agreed to consider joint; action to resolve a military and political crisis in Lesotho, a move that symbolizes the changes in diplomacy in southern Africa after apartheid

The agreement occurred at a meeting Wednesday in Botswana, which was the first time President Frederik W. de Klerk of South Africa and Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader and the man expected to succeed him after elections in April, traveled abroad on a regional issue. It was also the first encounter between Mr. de Klerk and President Robert

Mugabe Zimbabwe.

The issue that brought the leaders together is the conflict in Lesothe, a mountainous nation encircled by South Africa where skirmishes between rival army factions have left at least 5 dead and 11 wounded. The immediate cause was complaints about military pay, but behind this are growing tensions between the ruling Basotho-land Congress Party, which came to power in March, and other op-

Mr. Mugabe said his country, Botswana and South Africa would establish a task force to investigate what steps they should take to allay the crisis. Sources in both the Zimbabwean and South African goveraments said Mr. Mugabe had proposed that a "symbolic" peacekeeping force - perhaps including troops from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Tanzania -- he sent to Lesotho to promote stabil-

spokesman said in Gaborone, Botswama's capital, that South Africa would prefer "lending logistical support to such a force" rather than actually sending troops. "We are very cautious of getting

too involved in Lesotho," he said. Mr. Mugabe, who led Zimbabwe to independence in 1980 after a armed struggle against the white-minority government of what was then Rhodesia, spent about 20 minutes drinking coffee and chatting informally with Mr. de Klerk.

"Unfortunately, it has taken so long for people supporting apartheid in South Africa to change their minds," Mr. Mugabe said afterward. He praised Mr. de Klerk for Voltein's Defe his willingness to make sweeping political changes in his country and said that "the rest of the world" was now prepared to or

to South Africa: It is unknown whether the spirit of cooperation will be much help in Lesotho. Just hours after the leaders announced the task force, a coalition of six opposition parties in Lesotho urging all would-be inter-

ton and the Democratic Party en-

joyed advantages of more than 10

percentage points over the Repub-

Fred Steeper, the Republican pollster who conducted surveys for

the Bush campaign, said: "To the

extent that being a 'new' Democrat

is avoiding looking like a big spender, I think he has avoided it,

so far. He's avoided proposing any giveaway programs. I don't think

he's become a 'giveaway' Democrat

the Democratic Party are highly dependent on the success or failure

of Mr. Clinton, just as Republican

stature was heavily determined by

that of Presidents Reagan and

Bush. The Democratic advantages

could be seriously damaged if the

inquiry into the Clintons' invest-

ment in the Whitewater firm in

Arkansas in the 1980s produces al-

Some political strategists warn

that Mr. Clinton may over time face increasing difficulty as he tries

to balance the interests and claims

of the more liberal base of his party

with his drive to become a more

Mexico Accord on Reforms

Resters

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican

government and the leaders of nine

political parties signed an agree-ment Thursday calling for sweep-

ing electoral reforms in an attempt

to end a peasant uprising in the

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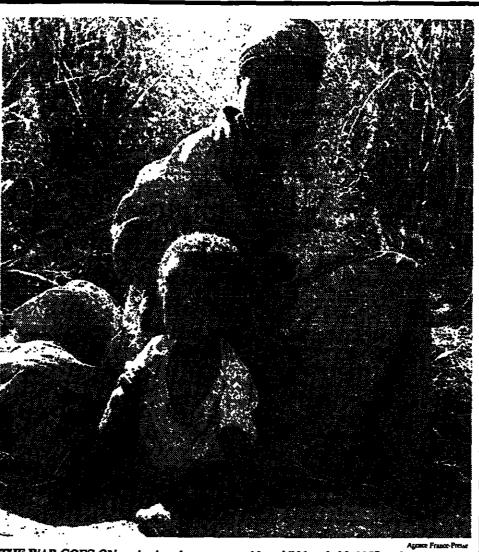
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The fortunes and public image of

raising taxes and lifting the ban on issue of welfare reform, Mr. Clin-homosexuals in the military. ton and the Democratic Party en-

lican Party.



THE WAR GOES ON — An Angolan woman and her child in rebel-held Hnambo are among the victims of civil war that has raged since UNITA rebels rejected the result of a 1992 election.

SYDNEY — A college student who fired blanks from a starter's pistol within feet of

Prince Charles at a ceremony celebrating Aus-

During a court hearing, both defense and resecution lawyers said the defendant, David

Kang, 23, had psychiatric problems and had hoped to draw attention to the plight of Cam-

bodians detained as suspected illegal immi-

grants by the Australian government.

The prosecutor, Susan Adams, said Mr.

Kang had sent more than 500 letters to the

prince, news organizations and Australian offi-cials, complaining about the treatment of Cam-

Ms. Adams said there was evidence that he

had been "prepared to die" for his cause and

that he was carrying out a "very deliberate and very well-planned attack."

Yeltsin's Defense

Continued from Page 1

Along with the former econom-

and Mr. Fyodorov have been.

tories and farms.

There are already signs that the

will abandon free-market practices

and renew massive subsidies to

pears to be a concerted response by

his government to its critics, several

top officials have echoed his line

myrdin told the Italian prime min-

ister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, that

Moscow would stay the course on reforms. He also lobbied for Rus-

sia's admittance this year to the

Group of Seven industrialized

He said he hoped that the G-7 would be expanded and renamed

the G-8, with Russia's membership.

when the organization meets in Na-

Mr. Chernomyrdin further lob-

that reforms will continue.

Mr. Fyodorov enjoyed.

tralia's national day had been "prepared to die"

for his cause, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Prince's Attacker Seen as Unbalanced

On Wednesday, Mr. Kang fired two blank shots at Prince Charles, who was about to

present an award before 10,000 people in a

tightened security, he attracted large crowds. Thursday in the towns of Forbes and Parkes, in

"He enjoys meeting people," said his secre-tary, Richard Aylard. "It's part of the job, and

if you're going to meet people the way he likes to do it, which is as informally as possible, then there's always going to be an element of risk."

Mr. Kang faces six charges and could be imprisoned for a maximum of 17 years. He said

nothing during the 30-minute hearing Thursday

and made no plea.

He was refused bail after the magistrate was

told that he had been seeking psychiatric treat-ment for depression. Mr. Kang will remain in

custody until another hearing on Feb. 4.

As he continued his 12-day official visit amid

Sydney park. The prince was unharmed.

New South Wales.

## Hosokawa, Facing Defeat, Takes His Case to the People

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TOKYO - Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa put his personal a national appeal to the Japanese people to push for final passage of his far-reaching package of anti-corruption legislation.

"If I can't fulfill my promise to plan, it doesn't matter to me at all ter," an emotional Mr. Hosokawa declared at a rally to drum up support for the bills. The legislation will die if it does not pass the Diet, or parliament, by Saturday night.

Mr. Hosokawa declined to clarify whether that statement meant that he would resign, dissolve his government, call a new election, all three or none of the above if his plan did not pass. Any of those alternatives seems possible right

But people here may not have to wait long to find out what he will do if the anti-corruption package fails. Negotiations over a compromise broke down again Thursday night, leaving just two days for further legislative action.

The Hosokawa plan is clearly stalled right now, and even the big cational outpouring of support Mr. Hosokawa pleaded for Thursday

A defense lawyer, Bill Dickens, said Mr.

Kang had been (rustrated by the media's preoc-

cupation with Britain's royal family while the

Cambodians' suffering was ignored. Mr. Kang

is an ethnic Korean but was born in Australia

The police had originally said he was of Chinese

Mr. Dickens said Mr. Kang was "a young man of gentle disposition" who had orchestrat-

Mr. Kang's sister Carolyn denied that her

"He's not really violent, no, that's not his

Referring to the Cambodians, she added:

"He felt compelled to do something for the people. He felt morally obliged to help them."

Prime Minister Paul Keating, who will meet Prince Charles on Friday, said Australia had

brother had intended to harm the prince.

nature," she said in a television interview.

fine," he said - may not be enough to win votes from incumbent politicians who do not particularly want popularity on the line Thursday in to change the political rules under

which they have thrived. A political moderate, Mr. Hosokawa ended four decades of conservative one-party rule when his seven-party coalition government the voters to pass a political reform won a historic election in July. He has since become one of the most whether I remain as prime minis- popular leaders in postwar Japanese history, so his veiled threat to quit may generate more public sup-port for his legislative package. Press reports here Thursday of-

fered more evidence of the widespread corruption that has left Japanese voters disgusted.

Newspapers said prosecutors were about to arrest several more members of parliament for having taken large illegal payoffs. All the reported targets are members of the Liberal Democratic Party, the chief opponent of of Mr. Hosokawa's anti-corruption plan.

According to reports in Tokyo. prosecutors were ready to arrest Seiroku Kajiyama, a top Liberal Democratic strategist, Mr. Kajiyama made headlines three years when he compared American blacks to prostitutes. He has denied taking illicit money, and in fact said he would commit hara-kiri, or ritual suicide, if he were charged

with a crime. Elected on a wave of popular revulsion against corrupt politics, Mr. Hosokawa pledged to make political reform his first priority. He won passage of his legislative package in the Diet's lower house. But on Jan, 21, the bills were voted down in the upper house, creating the current political crisis.

Mr. Hosokawa could still pass the bills if he gets two-thirds of the vote in the lower house. He is expected to try that Friday or Saturday, but the outlook is uncertain. Even so, opposition parties are frightened by the prospect of a new vote in the lower house. Just holding the vote would probably split the Liberal Democrats. Some of them would support Mr. Ho-sokawa's plan, and then quit the party to join Mr. Hosokawa's.

If that happened, Mr. Hosokawa's coalition could effectively win while losing, growing stronger against the opposition for future

But Mr. Hosokawa may not be around to take advantage of the gains. He has indicated before that ne will resign if he cannot pass his

His speech Thursday was an ination that he means to do so.

**MARKETS:** 

#### POLICY: Russian Populism Is Undermining Clinton Continued from Page 1 giving him, which goes like this: The only way for Russia to develop a market economy is if it has a farms would require laying off and relocating thousands of Russians, at least until new profitable businesses sprout up to re-employ The United States will keep its offer on the table: Adopt real economic reform and the United States will galvanize the Group of political package in this Diet ses-

been embarrassed by the attack.

ed a "media stunt."

as a technocrat, but is thought unlikely to be able to play as dynamic stable - so that banks will be prea role in the government as Mr. pared to make loans at reasonable Fyodorov. He will not have the interest rates, so that Russian exporters will be willing to bring their profits back into the country without worrying that they will be erodics chief. Yegor T. Gaidar, who quit ed by inflation, and so foreigners will be ready to invest there.

Jan. 16, Mr. Fyodorov was regarded as the most prominent champi-The only way to get to that stage on of the free market in the cabinet. is for Russia's central bank to stop While a number of reformers re- printing so many rubles. The only main in the upper echelons of the way to get to that point is if the overnment, none is regarded as so Russian government can close its nigh-profile, well-connected or en- budget deficit, now running about eractically willful as Mr. Gaidar 9 percent of its gross domestic

And the only way to accomplish new government, led by Prime that is if the government stops sub-minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, sidizing unprofitable state industries and farms, many of which produce products that sell for less bloated and inefficient state fac- on the world market than the cost of the raw materials that go into

Mr. Chernomyrdin, buffeted by This is where economics ends predictions that his stewardship and politics begins. Because to will lead to disaster, has insisted close down such factories and that he will not give an inch in the fight against inflation. In what ap-

The new government dominated by conservatives like Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, the central bank chairman, Viktor V. Gerashchenko, and Agriculture Minister Alexander K. Zaveryukha, is not ready to risk the political reaction that such draconiar policies would involve — especially in light of the last election.

That was why the key reformers. Boris G. Fyodorov and Yegor T. advice. Gaidar, quit as finance minister and first deputy prime minister. Senior administration officials say they are trying to deal with this situation by holding to a two-track

One track is to keep shining a light on the path of real economic reform that Mr. Clinton laid out in Moscow. American officials say they hope that after this new Russian government dabbles in some populist economics, which will not produce anything but hyperinflation, it will come to its senses and

bring back the ousted reformers.

Seven industrialized democracies to come up with real money to

support it. The other track is to continue pressing ahead with the \$4.1 billion in direct American assistance already approved by Congress. That money is not going to the Russian government but to support various projects on the ground, from small businesses, to housing for soldiers, to energy development, to technical

These are the "ground-up" projects that the administration hopes will plant the seeds of capitalism, no matter what the government in Moscow does.

But this two-track approach may not be sustainable for long.

"I think that is a phony distinction," Mr. Hamilton said. "If you have hyperinflation again in Russia, all bets are off. If you have hyperinflation, it doesn't matter if you supply them \$10 billion or \$1 billion. You have to have the fun-

damentals in line."

Change Proposed Continued from Page 1 wants to stand behind it," said Mi-

> Perrin Long, an industry analyst at First Michigan Corp., said the traditional auction exchanges were "a dying breed, but they don't want

chael Lipper of Lipper Analytical

The staff recommendations are highly technical and will go to the full commission and the stock exchanges, which withheld all but the most general comment. Some of the changes can be put into effect by the exchanges themselves.

More than 50 letters of comment from brokerage firms and others in the industry have been received by the SEC, and Mr. Levitt said last week that there would be something in the report to upset nearly everyone involved with the securities industry.

Several proposals were made to expand information about the time and location of trading, which is increasingly being conducted by computer, after hours, and on forrign stock exchanges. They would force the reporting of trades in U.S. stocks overseas so that price quotes, often different from Wall Street's, reflect those trades.

The SEC staff also wants to gather information on more than a dozen new automated trading systems, like Reuters' Instinct, which it now regards as too sketchily monitored.

The staff also proposed tightening rules on limit orders, in which a customer instructs his broker to buy or sell a stock within the limits poses prohibiting brokers from trading ahead of a customer's limit

#### KOHL: Strong Warning on Intervention in Bosnia But he said that the United

In Rome on Thursday, where he open their markets to East Europeis on a two-day visit, Mr. Cherno-myrdin told the Italian prime min-transformation of their societies. ■ Another Swipe at France News agencies reported from

Washington and Paris: Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, taking another swipe at France, on Thursday ruled out putting American forces on the ground in Bosnia as part of an effort to press the Bosnian government into accepting terms for a settlement.

American officials say that the bied for Russia's eventual member- Clinton administration believes ship in the European Union. "We that there are more important iswant these relations to move for- sues than the war in Bosnia-Herzeward more quickly so that the Rus-sian Federation can become a They also say that Mr. Christopher member on an equal footing," he resented being pressed by France said. "We want cooperation on all. over the conflict at a NATO sumfronts, but above all the economic mit meeting in Brussels this month and again in Paris this week.

Mr. Christopher arged France to close ranks with the United States and to support NATO resolutions ng the Bosnian Serbs with an allied attack if they do not ease their assault on Srebrenica and

"The United States is not standing by," he said in response to repeated assertions from Paris that the Clinton administration was not exerting its energies to end the war that has taken some 200,000 lives. In an unusually undiplomatic re-

buke, the State Department said Wednesday that the French foreign minister, Alain Juppé, had engaged in "strange moral calculus" and questionable logic in his prescriptions for peace in Bosnia. On Thursday, Mr. Christopher

said fresh reports that Yugoslav Army units were now engaged in a settlement.

States did not believe it should put forces on the ground in Bosnia in order to require the parties to enter into a settlement. "We think it would be inappro-

priate to insist that the victim, the Bosnian government, conform to some pre-existing plan," he said. France had struck back earlier in the day, depicting the State Department as "misinformed" and swiping at American reluctance to commit ground troops.

Mr. Juppe's chief spokesman. Richard Duque, said that "the choice today is between settling for watching the combat and trying everything to stop it."

Mr. Duque said France had never proposed imposing a settlement by force, nor a huge military intervention, but only bringing more trying to counter recent Muslim diplomatic pressure to bear on all advances underscored the need for sides to accept a negotiated peace.

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## All in All, a Strong Speech

It was a strong speech the president gave Taesday night. Bill Clinton was right both that he and Congress accomplished a great deal last year - it may not be pretty, but it sure isn't gridlock - and that a great deal

remains to be done. The speech revolved around the topic of health care reform; so will the session of Congress. Serious criticism that needs to be addressed has been made of the extensive proposal the president sent to Congress last year: that it is extremely complicated, expensive and chancy. Mr. Clinton asserted in its defense that there is a health care crisis and that his proposal would neither disrupt nor destroy what is good about the current health care system.

But then he took the unusual step so early in the same of saving that there is a lot about his proposal that he might be willing to give up. He will veto a health care bill that Congress sends him only if it fails to provide universal coverage, he said - if it "does not guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away."

You could call it a threat; it sounded more sional than that to us. The administration thinks that if Congress adopts universal coverage, it will end up having to adopt many other corollary features of the president's plan as well, or something like them. That is far from certain.

An issue leading up to the speech was presumed tension between health care reform and welfare reform. Which would take precedence? The president, having responded in this case to critics who denounced earlier hints that he would shelve welfare reform for now, said that he wanted both and that they are intertwined. One of the reasons people stay on welfare, he said, is that "it's the only way they can get health care coverage for their children."

Meanwhile, "those who choose to leave welfare for jobs without health benefits ... find themselves in the incredible position of paying taxes that help to pay for health coverage for those who made the other choice, to stay on welfare." Health care reform is one of the predicates of welfare

In Washington not so long ago, Demo-crats vied with Republicans in supporting a

"good" war waged in Afghanistan by free-

dom fighters against the Evil Empire. In

April 1992 its Communist rulers were finally

evicted, and an interim government assumed

power. Refugees began returning from

camps in Pakistan and Iran; the State De-

partment proclaimed a triumph for justice

and self-determination.

Fast forward to 1994: On New Year's Day

a fresh rebellion erupted in Afghanistan; hundreds have been killed. Yesterday's liber-

ators are at each other's throats. An Islamic

fundamentalist who is nominally prime min-

ister opposes a rival fundamentalist who is

putatively president, and a well-armed for-

mer Communist commander jumps from

side to side. International aid agencies have pulled out of the capital, embassies have

closed and refugees again flee to Pakistan,

To the extent that Washington even no-

tices, the mood is one of resignation. As a

practical matter, there may be little that

Americans can do. But they can condemn

savagery, and ask how it came about. Mos-

cow and Washington share responsibility

for fueling this war, which the Soviet

Union instigated in 1979 by intervening

in Afghanistan to prop up an imperiled pup-

which threatens to deport them.

pet regime in Kabul.

reform as he and his people now state it.

Mr. Clinton took steps in the speech to
preempt some of the likely fiscal fights still ahead, including the one over the so-called balanced budget amendment to the constitu-tion, which the Senate is scheduled to take up next month. The budget he will submit in

February will be "one of the toughest ... ever presented to Congress," and the government is now looking at three consecu-tive years of declining deficits for the first time since the 1940s. He is right, it will be a tight budget; it is not clear that he will even be able to finance all his own initiatives. He nonetheless warned his party not to make further defense cuts. In that he was right. The defense budget is already being sharply cut; it would be a grave error to take it down

further than currently planned. The president's speech had a curious ending. He stands accused of reformulating and stealing Republican issues and themes here was another. An activist Democratic president committed to governmental solutions to problems warned that there is a limit beyond which government cannot be

expected to go. He had been talking about crime, another lift from the Republicans, although we have never understood why liberal Democratic politicians in the past were so skittish about addressing issues of crime. It is some of the dangerous and wrongheaded measures politicians dream up to fight crime that should be opposed, not acknowledgment of the existence of the frightening conditions under which so many Americans of every kind are forced these days to live, or the effort to find

effective ways to control crime. From crime Mr. Clinton made his way to children, the need to provide them with a good reason for living and living by decent values, the all too evident fact that governments can go only so far in doing so and that communities must help themselves. Not a bad theme. But the legislative program comes first. There is a lot of arguing and explaining and negotiating yet to be done. and all that now begins.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Given this trespass, the West had the right

to help a coalition of resistance fighters dur-

ing a decade of Soviet occupation. After

years of dirty fighting, the Soviet Union withdrew. Still unexplained is why the Unit-

ed States, in silent partnership with Paki-stan, gave the biggest share of aid to the most

violently anti-American rebel leader, Gul-

buddin Hekmatyar, the current prime minis-

ter. This is hard to understand, since there

were more acceptable resistance leaders. Mr.

Hekmatyar made no secret of his contempt

for Americans. He refused to meet with Pres-

ident Ronald Reagan, he allied himself with

Arab radicals and he supported Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War. Yet he was the darling of William Casey's Central

The blunder has been variously explained:

ignorance of local complexities, deference to

Pakistan, Soviet disinformation, or Wash-

the most reliable anti-Communist fighters.

There is no clear answer. What can be said

with hindsight is that the lack of public

debate over strategy in Afghanistan left cru-

cial decisions to a secret bureaucracy with

minimal accountability. Too much slogan-

eering and too little genuine discussion

played their part in the tragedy still unfold-

new reactors to consume plutonium. That

which the Clinton administration has been

operating its plutonium plant at Sellafield

with the weak explanation that its product

will not be of weapons grade. The National

Academy's committee points out that there is

no real distinction between weapons-grade and reactor-grade plutonium. Both make very

Everyone has known for years that plutoni-

um is a menace. This valuable report makes it

clear that the menace is closer than laymen

may have thought and is going to be more

satisfactory bombs.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ing in forgotten Afghanistan.

Intelligence Agency.

## From Clinton at Last, a Vision Poster in Bold Colors

N EW YORK —Theodore Roosevelt once said that a good political speech is "a poster, not an etching." More important than time details are broad, bold themes that stand out from a distance.

But through most of American history, State of the Union Messages have almost always been more like etchings than posters. often dreary, seldom memorable. In recent years, only Ronald Reagan — who, like Theo-dore Roosevelt, always claimed to prefer "banners of bold colors" to "pale pastels" managed to transcend the genre.

With "American heroes" seated prominently in the visitors' gallery, teary references to acts of courage and sacrifice, evocations of families and neighborhoods and communities and buoyant descriptions of America as "once again alive with hope and opportunity," "a soaring eagle, proud and free," Mr. Reagan transformed his State of the Union addresses. from lists of policy achievements and goals into evocations of national values and myths. They were an essential part of his effort to attach moral weight to his conservative agenda.

By Alan Brinkley

Bill Clinton, a man as enchanted with the details of policy as Mr. Reagan was bored with them, nevertheless delivered a State of the Union address Tuesday night more evoca-tive of Mr. Reagan's bursts of symbolic oratory than of the legislative report cards of

other predecessors.

To be sure, he boasted of economic and fiscal successes. He promoted his flagging health care proposals. He spoke at length about welfare reform, an issue that many had assumed would remain on the back burner until after the health care debate. He made modest and only partly convincing claims of diplomatic achievements.

But most striking was his effort to make those goals seem part of a coherent whole: to persuade the American public that he does not just have ideas, but also an idea - that in addition to specific policy proposals he has a vision of how the future can and should look. There is good reason for him to do so.

Mr. Clinton came into office with an excep-tionally frail mandate in an exceptionally ad-

versarial political climate. He was despised by the right, only tentatively embraced by the left and harried from all directions by Ross Perot. He stumbled through his first few months rie summies uncogn as his tew around watching weak public support cramble in the face of missteps and misfortmes. Even now, with considerable successes behind him and his. popularity much enhanced, he faces considerpopulately must emanced he laces consecu-able public skepticism. Unlike at least four of the last five presidents, he believes in the capac-ity of government to do good. But he has inherited a political climate in which relatively

few Americans seem to agree with him.

The belief in progress — in the possibility, even desirability of social improvement — is probably as fault today as it has been at any moment in America's history. On what, then, can an activist president base his hopes for a reinvigorated government?

reinvigorated government?
In a speech in Chapel Hill last fall, the president experimented with a framework for his programs reminiscent of the New Deal and the Great Society: the idea of security. The American people face a future of insecurity and instability, he said, and it is up to government to make them feel that they can weather the inevitable changes that await them with some minimal confidence.

His trade policies would contribute to economic security, his health care proposals to medical security, his anti-crime initiatives to personal security. Government would again be the protector of its citizens .

It was an intelligent speech, and in another time it might have generated real excitement. But amid the disenchantment and cynicism of the 1990s, the theme sounded hollow. And the president, perhaps realizing that, made only oblique reference to it Tuesday night.

He turned instead, with what seemed genuine emotion, to things that were staples of Mr. Reagan's speeches. He spoke about social problems rooted in "the loss of values, in the disappearance of work and the breakdown of our families and our communities."

He cited the role of "churches and other

good citizens" in helping to solve social pro-blems. He insisted that individual acts of heroism are still possible in the face of apparanerousm are stut possible in the late of apparently overwhelming social forces. He spoke above all about family—and, in an apparently spontaneous moment, of his own mother, who died earlier this month.

Mr. Reagan, and many other conservatives, used such symbols as a rebuke to liberals. used such symbols as a reduce to morrals. They cited the strength of communities, families and churches as evidence of the irrelevance of government and the importance of unleashing individuals from its shackles.

Mr. Clinton has been trying, slowly and tentalizable to exilicable strength of the stren

tentatively, to enlist the same symbols behind ins own activist agenda. Americans, he said, have revealed the "better angels of our nanure" in their responses to flood, earthquake, fire and storm. And they can do so as well in attacking our "deepest problems" — not by relying solely on individual acts of generosity and courage but by joining in an effort to make government an ally of change and progress. The president was, in other words, trying to

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do more Tuesday night than boast of his accomplishments and jump-start his health care plan. He did those things effectively, but he was also trying to reclaim from the right a moral language that liberals have — in recent years, at least — largely abdicated.

He was continuing the effort he began with his speech on crime in Memphis last November 1.

ber to rescue liberalism from the symbolically barren, socially fragmented world it has inhabited for a generation, and to link it to a popular yearning for values and community.

No recent president has been better at explaining policies. Mr. Clinton can talk intelligently for hours about the details of legislation and programs. But on Tuesday night he seemed to recognize that a firm grasp of policy is not enough. Without a poster, as Theodore Roosevelt understood, there will be little interest in his etchings.

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## crime, welfare - they waded through the

Listen to the Sound of a Voice That Gives Us Voice

THE TELEPROMPTER had hardly stopped rolling, the president had barely glad-handed his way out of the House cham ber, when the analysts and politicians all began deconstructing his text. Health care, words looking for portents about policy and clues about compromise. But from my listen-ing post, far from Washington, I was most conscious of the voice Bill Clinton used, and the underlying sound of values:

"In our toughest neighborhoods, on our meanest streets in our poorest rural areas, we have seen a stunning and simultaneous breakdown of community, family and work, the

heart and soul of civilized society."
"We can't renew our country when children
are having children and the fathers walk away

as if the kids don't amount to anything." "I am telling you we have got to stop pointing our fingers at these kids who have no future and reach our hands out to them." Not that long ago, the language of values was spoken almost exclusively by conserva-tives. Not anymore, One of the striking things Mr. Clinton has done is to give progressives

potent words in our moral vocabulary.
What a change, When Ronald Reagan spoke
of welfare, he was talking of "welfare cheats." Law and order were code words for racism. Gradually we are now finding a way to the center. Not drifting right to some presumed political center. Reaching down to a psychological center — and finding a voice.

— Ellen Goodman, in The Boston Globe.

and moderates permission to use the most

## **Expect a Different World** After Kim II Sung's Bomb

By Brian Beedham

TONDON — If North Korea is going to get the bomb, the rest of us had better start thinking about what this will do to our hopes for the 21st century.

This does not mean only what the consequences will be for South Korea, and for America's military links with that country; or for Japan's de-cision about nuclear weapons; or for a China that will suddenly find itself with a nuclear cuckoo in the nextdoor nest. The implications reach far beyond East Asia. They make it necessary to ask whether we are heading for an unmanageably multinuclear world, a new form of chaos.

It is not certain that North Korea is going to win its game of dare with the Clinton administration, but it is inngry hard to be hopeful. I hree weeks ago the State Department's Lynn Davis seemed to be saying that the North Koreans had at last agreed to allow the resumption of regular ington's belief that the fundamentalists were inspections at their seven admitted nuclear sites, and that it might now be possible to get them to open up the two nuclear waste dumps they had not confessed to, whose discovery started the whole crisis a couple of years ago.

Alas, North Korea has now raised further difficulties about two of the seven "agreed" sites. No inspections have been arranged anywhere. The period of time during which the In-ternational Atomic Energy Agency has been blindfolded grows even longer. Yet another lot of inconclusive talks - is it the 15th, or the 50th? - has been going on this week. It looks uncommonly as if North Korea is engaged in a classic piece of foot-

dragging. The Clinton administration, half-admitting this, has decided to

send Patriot missiles to South Korea. To all this the whistlers in the dark offer two would-be cheerful answers. Even if North Korea does get away with it, they say, this will not necessar ily mean that other countries will go nuclear. Or, if that proves false, a world of 15 or 20 or 30 nuclear powers need not be all that more dangerous than our familiar world of half a dozen nuclear powers has been. Both arguments are almost certain-

ly wishful thinking. A North Korean nuclear breakthrough will pretty clearly be the death of nonproliferation hopes, because we are only a year away from the time when the present Nuclear

Nonprobleration Treaty runs out Next year 150-odd countries have to decide whether to make a new promise not to go nuclear, and to open their doors to international inspectors who come to check that promise. If North Korea — a signatory of the present treaty and its checking arrangements — has just demonstrated that such promises can be safely ignored, it is difficult to see anything serious happening next year. There will either be no new global treaty at all or a palpably valueless one. The anti-proliferation

campaign will have collapsed.

The countries that assembled in Geneva this Tuesday to talk about banning nuclear tests will then have talked in vain. If the march is on for nuclear arms, the marchers will trample over pious details like test bans. Men who want nuclear weapons for

National Assembly in Secul in July, the U.S. defense commitment to the Republic of Korea is unshakable.

How will the United States seek to

achieve its goals?

The immediate task has been to

ensure no further diversion of pluto-

nium. In June, U.S. officials told the North Koreans that there would be

no more bilateral meetings unless

they met certain conditions: no refu-

eling of their nuclear reactor without IAEA inspectors present, and no

breaks in the continuity of IAEA safeguards. Talks between the IAEA and North Korea in Vienna are going

on and we urged rapid agreement on the IAEA inspections required to maintain continuity of safeguards at the seven sites in Yongbyon.

It is essential that North Koreans

comply fully with the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, including the safeguards agreement they signed. This includes inspection of the two

suspect nuclear waste sites that trig-gered North Kores's withdrawal from

During our first negotiating round, the North Koreans agreed to "sus-pend" their withdrawal from the non-

proliferation treaty, but they are not

now living up to all of the treaty's provisions. After the second round, the North agreed to begin consulta-

tions with the IAEA on "outstanding

safeguards issues," but agreement was not reached on the agency's request

the treaty in the first place.

their foreign policy purposes (the next generation of Saddam Husseins) may then cease. We shall at that point be well into nuclear double figures. will set about getting them. Their frightened neighbors (the next gener-ation of Kuwaits) will do the same.

This is likely to produce a vastly different nuclear pattern from the one the world has managed to cope with for the past 49 years. Nobody can foretell the full list of new nuclear powers, but some fairly confident guesses can be made.

Iran will certainly want to follow North Korea. If Iran heads for a nuclear armory, somebody on the Arab side of the Gulf — perhaps Saudi Arabia, maybe a no longer controllable Iraq — will wish to balance the Arab-Iranian scales. The Arabs being so competitively fragmented a people, other Arab countries farther west (a fundamentalist Algeria? Egypt? Libya?) may well follow suit. The current holding back in India and Pakistan, and in Latin America,

list. One is that it contains a high

proportion of rather wild govern-

ments. The saving grace of the past half-century's nuclear stalemate was that those involved were on the whole fairly cautious people. The Soviet Union and the West both had a keen sense of self-preservation. China and the Soviet Union had their own leaveme-alone nuclear standoff. The fingers on the trigger were disciplined fingers. Can you say that of Kim Il Sung's North Korea; of the mullahs' Iran; of the angry warriors of Islam who may before long be running Algeria and perhaps some other Arab countries;

even, for that matter, of tomorrow's India and Pakistan? The other reason for feeling a shiver run down the spine is that the new pattern of nuclear power will not be

the relatively safe one against one

international community has its lim-

its. America will not tolerate contin-

ued stalling or repeated instances of bad faith. If North Korea fails to

comply with its international obliga-

tions, the United States will have to

take other steps, including seeking a range of international sanctions. The

firm diplomatic strategy that the

United States has been pursuing will

help ensure that the international

national community to a consensus that gives North Korea a clear choice between opening doors and increased international isolation. North Korea

has no illusions about what it must do

to remove concerns about its nuclear

nanity will endorse such sauctions if they are needed.

The United States has led the interca, Britain and France each had the Union. So did China. The Soviet Union's nuclear calculations were built upon its confrontation with NATO. It was not very complicated. It was therefore, for all the fears of the West's would-be nuclear disarmers, not all that dangerous — as events duly proved.

The new prospect is very different.

kind we have had up to now. Ameri-

A world of 15 or 20 or more nuclear powers will be, on a vastly bigger scale, a balance-of-power world like that of 19th century Europe.

Groups of four or five countries

will maneuver for advantage against each other as France, Germany, Britam, Austria-Hungary and Russia maneuvered a century or so ago, with eventually fatal consequences. Powers A and B will try to enlist Power C against Power D; Power D, fearing for its life, will try to lure Power A away from this threatening coalition; and so on. There may still be a few one-versus-one confrontations — India and Pakistan, perhaps — but they will be exceptions.

The difference from the 19th century will be that these powers are now nuclear-armed. That will make their cerie dance enormously riskier than it was a century ago. In those days, if a country miscalculated, the penalty might be defeat in a conventional war. It could now be a nuclear knockout. The chances of miscalculation multiply as the number of countries involved in the balance-of-power maneuvering grows. This is a far cry from the relatively simple two-sided nuclear standoff of the Cold War.

It would be wrong to say that a multinuclear world is bound to blow itself up. Man whets his ingenuity on his instinct for survival; he may find a way of bringing order even to such a mess. But the odds against are dannting. A multinuclear world will be a horribly dangerous place. If we can prevent it from happening, our chil-dren will be very grateful.

International Herald Tribune.

## The United States Has Not Caved In to North Korea

WASHINGTON — In his column "North Korea Gets a U.S. Surrender" (IHT Opinion, Jan. 7). Charles Krauthammer distorted American policy so badly that the record must be set straight. President ought to end the debate in America about the Bill Clinton has been steady and firm Integral Fast Reactor, the development of in his objectives: a nonnuclear Korean Peninsula and a strong internainexplicably supporting.

The same logic applies to the British government, which has unwisely decided to begin

clear weapons there could destabilize all of Northeast Asia and undermine the global nonproliferation regime. If United States would be engaged alongside its South Korean allies in a So there is good reason to give diplo-macy a responsible chance before turning to other alternatives.

 The writer mistakes an interim step for final resolution of this problem. The immediate task has been to ensure that no more fissile material is diverted. Maintaining IAEA safe-guards does that. The United States will then press North Korea for inspection of suspect sites and disman-

obtain the kind of access they need to maintain the continuity of safeguards.

By Lynn Davis The writer is U.S. undersecretary of state for international security affairs.

The IAEA's integrity remains intact.

• The writer called the suspension of the U.S.-South Korean Team Spirit exercise for this year a "huge payoff" for North Korea. He is wrong again. The United States and South Korea tional nonproliferation regime.

The stakes in Korea are high. Nuagreed that Team Spirit '94 should be suspended only if progress on the nu-clear issue reduces the threat to the allies. Even if Team Spirit '94 is not held, the United States plans to con-tinue its other major joint exercises in South Korea. As the president told the

the North launched military operations, it would be defeated, but the major war that could leave destruction through much of the peninsula. Let me first correct four miscon-ceptions contained in the article.

 The writer's views are based on the erroneous premise that the Unit-ed States has agreed to "one-time" inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency to maintain continuity of safeguards. The number and scope of inspections required is a mat-ter for the IAEA, not the United States, to decide. And North Korea knows that it must permit continuing, periodic inspections for the IAEA to be able to certify that the continuity of safeguards has been maintained.

tling of nuclear facilities.

• The writer unjustifiably attacks the integrity of the IAEA. Its director, Hans Blix, has been beyond reproach in his handling of this issue. The Unit-ed States had insisted that North Korea deal directly with the agency so that the inspectors would be able to for a special inspection at the suspect waste sites. The United States will continue to press the North to comply with all the treaty's provisions, including access to the waste sites.

Further, North and South Korea must fully implement their Denucle-arization Declaration, which includes a ban on uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing on the peninsula. The North has agreed to resume North-South talks that would include discussion of this agreement, but progress has been slow. We will proceed with further U.S. North Korean negotiations only after North-South exchanges and IAEA inspections. We also seek the decommission

and dismantling of North Korea's graphite-moderated nuclear reactors graphite-moderated nuclear reactors and its reprocessing facility. The North would then be unable to use these facilities to produce the plutonium needed for weapons. The reprocessing plant is prohibited by the North-South agreement, and North Korea has indicated its willingness to convert from graphite-moderated reconvert from graphite-moderated re-actors to a less dangerous type of light reactors for its energy needs. North Korea must also address U.S. concerns about other matters.

including its support for terrorism, violation of human rights, export of ballistic missiles and hostile foreign policy. If it does, it should under-stand that it can change from being a rogue state to an accepted member of the international community. Mr. Krauthaumer is right to say

there is still far to go, but he is wrong in claiming that the United States lacks resolve and a clear strategy. It is pursuing a course that gives North Korea a clear choice and tests its true intentions. America is prepared to take steps to help bring North Korea into the family of nations, but only as

intentions. There should be no illusions that there is an easy fix to a complex and dangerous dispute.

The Washington Post. IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

> of the Japanese Parliament fairly n-val anything lately seen in Westmin-ster. The latest achievement of the Oriental imitators of our own legislators has been to expel the President of the Tokyo Assembly, Mr. Hoshi Toru, amid a scene of unrestrained disorder. The reason for his sudden fall into disfavor was that he was suspected of being in secret conference with the Government, and was too friendly with certain large contractors to the army and navy.

1894: Disorder in Japan

SHANGHAI - The strange doings

1919: A Labor Dispute LONDON - The threatened immi-

gration ban of the United States is not agreeable to English labor leaders. Mr. George Barnes, M.P., declared yesterday [Jan. 27] that Great Britain would oppose such legislait meets U.S. conditions.

North Korea also knows that the patience of the United States and the have only scratched the industrial sur-

face. We stand for mobility of labor." Mr. Barnes also declared that the pri-mary guiding principle for the [Peace] Conference's ratification should be that unfair labor conditions in one country involve the whole world, and he invoked the Wilsonian theory of

1944: March of Death

equality in economic treatment.

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] The War and Navy Departments made public last night [Jan. 27] a harrowing official story of how the Japanese tortured, starved to death and sometimes beheaded or shot more than 6,000 American and Filipino soldiers who had been taken prisoner on Bataan and Corregidor in April 1942, and who were sent to puson camps by a "march of death" under a broiling sun without food or water. The first documented account of Japanese atrocities in the Philippines also revealed that "American flags were habitually and designedly used as rags in the Japanese kitchens."

The Plutonium Challenge Plutonium is an artificial element produced only by human beings in their nuclear Then they need to fashion plans to dispose of them or turn the plutonium into forms less easily diverted to weapons. They cannot af-

Afghanistan Again

reactors, and they have made too much of it. The stuff is horribly dangerous, chiefly because even small amounts of it can be made ford the kind of long, inconclusive quarrel that, in the United States, has held off deciinto very effective nuclear weapons. Several kilograms of plutonium — a piece the size of a grapefruit — is sufficient for a bomb. The sions on reactor waste disposal year after year.

All governments need to avoid making matters worse. Russia is still producing plutonium, American and Russian missiles to be dismantled over the next decade will produce a because it needs the heat and power that the military reactors generate. The National Acadsurplus of 100 tons of it. More of it is produced daily, although it is emy committee denounces the idea of building

in the highly radioactive wastes of civilian nuclear reactors and therefore less inviting to terrorists and other thieves. The growing stocks of plutonium now are arguably the leading threat to national security. Keeping this material in the right hands and out of the wrong ones will not be that easy, even

somewhat less hazardous, because it is mixed

Russia and the other former Soviet states, the possibilities are far more troubling.

Two years ago the Bush administration asked the National Academy of Sciences to study the handling of the plutonium surplus. Its report, written by a deeply knowledgeable

in the United States. Amid the turmoil of

panel, is authoritative, clear and urgent. It calls, first, for close cooperation between the United States and Russia in a rigorous inventory shared by both sides. Next, the two governments need to devise reliable proce

difficult to contain. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

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OPINION

PARIS — Two telatively young and turn: In tough testimony to Congress, he Cy at their nations' foreign ministries: have changed their positions radically in the past few months. Their shifts reveal much about the deterioration of Russian-American relations.

One is Strobe Talbott, longtime friend and Oxford roommate of Bill Clinton's. He stepped down from the power and prestige of Time magazine columnist to handle President Clin-

The sellout of Kremlin reformers awakened Strobe Talbott and his boss, Bill Clinton. But in Moscow, a former Certified Good Guy, Andrei Kozyrev, has taken on a harder edge.

ton's dealings with the nations of the former Soviet Union, and was recently named deputy secretary of state.

Although he was widely blamed for being the impetus behind Mr. Clinton's unfortunate choice for defense secretary in November, his friends charge that the current finger-pointing is the handiwork of David Gergen, who Talbottites claim was himself the leading advocate of the withdrawn nominee. The Chinton inner

circle is not a happy band of brothers. But the serious, urbane Talbott (to use Time's old, two-adjective style) has learned more than the art of White House infighting. To his credit, he has exhibited a refreshing willingness to reverse a position when it is shown to be mistaken, which we can hope may lead to a re-examination of his whole accommodationist Weltanscha

Little more than a month ago, Mr. Talbott reacted to Russian voter dissatisfaction with reformers," shock thera-py" by talking up "less shock, more therapy." That was a terrible blunder, it encouraged Boris Yeltsin to follow his go-slow instincts, undermining re-formers and endangering Russian economic recovery.

That American position was modified when Mr. Clinton went to Moscow to promise "more reform, more support."

Mr. Talbott apparently thought that bought a Yeltsin commitment to confin-ue reform. He was misled; reformers were double-crossed and the power shifted to the old apparatchits.

Just as the invasion of Afghanistan awakened the accommodationist Jimmy Carter to Kremlin realities, the seliout of

the reformers awakened Mr. Chinton and Mr. Talbott. Last week the deputy secretary-designate made a 180-degree warned that aid to Russia depended on reform, and that reform had to come first. It was an epiphany.

Meanwhile, half a world away, an-

other high-level diplomat was undergoing his own profound change. Short, boyish Andrei Kozyrev used to be a Certified Good Guy. His April Fool's Day speech last year alerted the world to the danger of militant Russian nationalism. Unafraid to ad-lib in English, he wowed those who interviewed him then with his good sense and good humor and support of a new Russian respect for its neighbors.

But in Moscow last month, a harder edge was evident: He had just won his election in Mormansk, a military area, by talking tough about the "near abroad." When I asked about the withdrawal of 13,000 Russian troops remaining in Latvia, he switched the subject to what he called discrimination against 11,000 retired Russian soldiers and their families living there (many in confiscated homes, infiniating native Latvians).

That was the new, disturbing Kozyrev. Two weeks ago, he seemed to carry that hard line to an extreme, in a speech telling Russian diplomats that we should not withdraw from those regions that have been the sphere of Russian interests for centuries."

As nervous Balts went ballistic, the Talbott State Department spokesman promptly said "we don't accept" that old-style hegemony. That rebuke caused a Kozyrev flun-

ky to bluster about "mass media deliberate distortion of the minister's pronouncements," and Mr. Kozyrev to lash out at Latvia for "massive and crude violations of human rights". of the well-off colonists - but also to call in the U.S. ambassador to assure him that troop withdrawal would take place this year.

Both Russians and Latvians are

waiting for Mr. Talbott to suggest a compromise of letting a few hundred Russian troops rent the Skrunda earlywarning radar facility for four years. When he does, I hope Latvia grabs the deal to get occupying troops out. Nor would it hurt for Latvians to assure long-resident Russian-speakers of ulti-mate first-class citizenship. Mr. Kozyrev has taught Mr. Talbott

to begin to toughen up. We can hope that Mr. Talbott will now teach Mr. Kozyrev to drop his crowd-pleasing, phony-tough attitude.

The New York Times.

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Dear Mr. President,

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Rejoicing that I'm outta here, etc. Traditional form of acknowledgment of a letter of resignation from a public official by the U.S. president: Dear Mr. Appointee,

Your departure from government is an incomparable loss for the country, as

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### White Man's Burden

Regarding "A Judge Finds He Can't Shake the Burden of Blackness" (Jan. 8) by David Margolick:

I was shocked at the inherent racism in the notion that "blackness," rather than white racism, is a burden. People of color have long had to suffer the patronizing pity of white people who do not realize that they are saying, however inadvertently, how wonderful it would be if only

veryone were white.
If the article, instead of dealing with white racism, told of a woman's treatment at the hands of men, would you have dared to use the headline, "A Judge Finds She Can't Shake the Burden of Femininity"? If it were about anti-Semitism, would we expect it to be headed, "A Judge Finds He Can't Shake the

TERRY CARTER. Copenhagen.

#### Death of an Activist

Regarding 'In Rural Java, Death Comes to a Fighter and a Dreamer (Opinion, Jan. 13):

Goenawan Mohamad describes the brutal murder of Marsinah, a young Indonesian labor activist. She and 15 others were interrogated by military au-thorities and fired from their jobs merely for demanding what was promised to them under Indonesian law: \$1.05

wage system for developing countries that is "undistorted" by free trade unions and government-set minimum wages. What about the effect of corrupt officials and military intimidation?

The wage Marsinah was struggling for, by the way, is 30 percent below the minimum physical needs" for a single person in that region of Java, according to the Indonesian manpower ministry. INDERA NABABAN.

#### Protection for Israel

Now that we know that the Oslo peace agreement will not stop terror, the people of Israel feel a greater lack of security than ever. If the minimum conditions for protection against terror cannot be guaranteed by Yasser Arafat and his Palestine Liberation Organization because they lack the strength and the commitment of their people, then we have thrown away our own security and

land for nothing. Israel is in a worse TOBY WILLIG.

#### With Words Alone

position than ever.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is deluding itself if it thinks that by refusing membership to Central European states it decreases Vladimir Zhirinovsky's chances in the next Russian elections. NATO is playing straight into Mr. Zhirinovsky's hands. Now Mr. Zhirinper day in wages.

Many business writers advocate a ovsky can truthfully claim that with

words alone, and without being in power, he single-handedly forced NATO to reverse its thinking on accepting new members. He is in a better position than ever to win the next elections. JIM PRICE.

## Farmers, Not Peasants

It was distressing to read the word "peasants" in several of your recent articles about the revolt in Mexico. In 10day's world, "farmers" is a far more fair and precise definition of those who work the soil, even if they are illiterate and poor and Mexican.

RICHARD FREMANTLE New York.

#### Very Good, Sir

Regarding "The Eternal Butler" (Features, Jan. 25) by William E. Schmidt: Surely P.G. Wodehouse's immortal Jeeves was a "gentleman's gentleman," a valet rather than a butler, although as his employer, Bertie Wooster, informs us, he could, when the occasion demanded, "buttle with the best of them."

Incidentally, the observation that only the English as a race are capable of the necessary emotional restraint to be good servants" is an interesting one. It is difficult to know whether to see it as a thinly veiled insult or a somewhat left-handed compliment!

> JULIAN deNORMANVILLE. Tring, England.

#### By Judith Martin

The Etiquette of Stepping Down

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well as a personal one for me. Your distinguished record of public service has earned you the gratitude of your fellow citizens, and the esteem of those of us who are most familiar with your great talents and dedication. Please accept my warmest wishes for your good health, and give my kind regards to your lovely family.

Sincerely yours, etc.

Revised Form: Dear Mr. Think-You're-Indispensable,

Getting out of government is the first real public service you've ever per-formed. My only regret is that sending you home is a dirty trick on your longsuffering wife.

Wishing good riddance, etc.

In a society that professes to value candor, disdain euphemisms and despise hypocrisy, even the most formal conventions were bound to change. In the last traditional exchange the nation may ever witness, President Bill Clinton and Secre-tary Les Aspin traded verbal "letters" that followed the old form: the fired one professing his desire to resign and the firer professing his incalculable regret at this decision to which he will nonetheless yield. But the new age dawned when retired Admiral Bobby Ray Inman acted at the prompting of his comfort level (which is the rough equivalent of what used to be called a conscience) and injected his true feelings into his letter of withdrawal as a nominee for the position of secretary of defense.

No one should have been surprised. This is, after all, an administration that opened with a retreat, where the president provided facilitators to encourage members of his cabinet to express their innermost feelings.

Mr. Inman's innermost feelings were that he was being picked on by bullies, that he had done quite enough for his country, that he was not all that desperate to embellish his résumé. (He expressed . great appreciation ... for your clear understanding of what has not gone well in the national security arena in the first year of your presidency ...")

But can the people who are now declaring him paranoid honestly say that they have never harbored such sentiments? Why didn't everyone congratulate Mr. inman for his frankness? And after he gotall that out of his system, why did he till look so pinched?

Is it possible that we really do value decorum above unrestrained self-expression? And that not even the president would urge his staff to express all their feelings unreservedly if he did not assume that they would still be bound by eti-quette's demands for respect and tact?

The tradition of leaving high government service requires that face be saved all around, and this cannot be achieved with complete openness. It is under-stood that the president will not be made to look as if he either hired a nitwit or

reputation and enough praise and pho-tographs to furnish a time private office. For that reason, almost no one is ever fired. People go voluntarily (no matter how surprised they are to find themselves suddenly volunteering) and for reasons that have nothing to do with inconvenience or incompetence. Appreciation and regret are expressed on both sides, and a respectable, if not necessarily plau-

sible, explanation is made public. John Mitchell resigned as director of President Richard Nixon's re-election committee, right after the Watergate burglars were caught, to devote more attention to "the obligation which must come first: the happiness and welfare of my wife and daughter" — attention that Martha Mitchell was later to claim was not benign. President Lyndon Johnson's press secretary, George Reedy, left to devote more attention to his hammertoe.

The convention allows room for creativity. The truly creative can even get away with inserting into the formula small digs at the president, which the president is supposed to be above return-ing in kind (because he is presidential; and besides, he got what he wanted).

When President Jimmy Carter upended his cabinet in 1979, all the exit letters

contained the required politenesses.

But two people made sly references to the president's eagerness for their departure - Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, stating appreciation for the president's "agreeing" that "the time has come for me to return to private life," and Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, acknowledging that "it would be far better for you to have in place one who is less scarred by earlier battles."

Their return letters all contained the president's appreciation for their services. But to Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, who added a wish generally associated with sarcasm, "I hope you find happiness in your job," President Jimmy Carter altered the phrase about appreciation for him to "appreciation for the accomplishments of our nation during your service as secretary of transportation."

Within the convention, the greatest insult permitted is curtness. When Donald Regan left as President Ronald Rea-gan's chief of staff, he conveyed bitterness by writing merely, "I hereby resign as Chief of Staff to the President of the United States."

But when the chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, John Frohnmayer, tried to do something similar in his requested letter of resignation to President George Bush, he was talked out of it by the secretary to the cabinet. But he did conclude with the line: "You and your administration have accomplished a great deal and I'm sure the

best is yet to come."

President Bush sent him a curt reply, omitting the formula expression of regret at his departure.

All that was missing was manners.

Judith Martin writes the syndicated colcreated a scapegoat, and the departing umn "Miss Manners." She contributed official will be allowed to depart with his this comment to The Washington Post.

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Modern snowshoes are made of light plastic and are far less cumbersome than the old wood-and-wicker variety.

## Return of the (Improved) Snowshoe

By Robert L. Kroon utional Herald Tribune

AINT-CERGUE, Switzerland --The long-scorned snowshoe is staging a stunning comeback as the latest fad in winter sports, unlocking un-trodden slopes and virgin forests for those longing to escape from congested ski lifts and crowded pistes.

Modern snowshoes are made of light plastic and are far less cumbersome than the old wood-and-wicker variety that have been in use for 4,000 years as man's oldest tool for walking on, instead of through, deep snow.

Some historians say that America's first immigrants shuffled their way from Asia across the Bering Strait to the New World on snowshoes. In more recent times the unwieldy accoutrements were still used by rescue teams and snowbound alpine farmers, but the occasional cross-country walkers were invariably derided as "penguins" by fast-track skiers and snowboarders.

No longer. In this Jura resort near Geneva, an enterprising Frenchman, Jean-Pierre club and the response has been overwhelming. Modern shoes, which look like oversized Ping-Pong paddles, are fitted with small hooks that enable the walker to climb snowcovered hills "like a fly on a window pane," as Beaude puts it.

A 46-year-old, wiry Frenchman from the Côte d'Azur who describes himself as an erstwhile "alpinist and reasonably good skier." Beaude is not surprised by the instant popularity of this new form of cross-country

"It's self-explanatory," he said, pointing at the white expanse of the Jura range, a pine-covered, medium-high (up to about 1,500 meters, or 5,000 feet) mountain chain that runs the length of the French-Swiss border. "Snowshoe-walking is a healthy exercise for all ages, easy to learn and cheap. With the new, lightweight raquettes de neige you can roam through territory where even cross-country skiers cannot go. No crowds, no noise, no backups at expensive ski lifts. The only risk is getting lost and that's why we usually go in groups."



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Beaude contends that anyone who is able to walk can master snowshoe walking as well. "In Canada and the Scandinavian countries they have been doing it for ages, but it's the new equipment that makes it so

much easier." Well, up to a point. Good physical condi-tion is mandatory for longer treks, and beginners trying their first steps on the big plastic soles tend to waddle about like bowlegged babies. Standard ski poles are recommended as stabilizers, especially for newcomers.

Beaude says he was surprised by the response from people of all age groups, includ-ing adolescent "ski bombers" and school classes of 11-year-olds. Some groups go on

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three-day treks, with dogsleds supplying night bivouscs. Armed with binoculars, they follow the tracks of foxes and an occasional lynx and discover the pristine beauty of the original Jurassic park.

A second snowshoe center has opened recently at Nendaz, in the canton of Valais and Beaude predicts the new winter sport will soon match cross-country skiing in pop-

ularity. The recession-ridden ski industry has been quick on the uptake and snowshoes have already found their niche among skis and other winter sports gear in Geneva supermar-kets, selling for \$65 for basic models to \$140 for the deluxe variety with snap-on bindings.

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## In Hanoi, Shades of a French Past

By Sherry Buchanan

ANOI — As I was browsing through the paperbacks of the main bookstall in the center of Hanoi, opposite one of the city's tranquil lakes, I asked the stand owner whether she had any books by Duong Thu Huong or Pham Thi Hoai, two Vietnamese writers who have a following in the West thanks to translations of their books into English and French. After a good 20 minutes, she came back with a dusty secondhand paperback, held together by brown cellophane tape: a novel by Duong Thu Huong. She wanted the equivalent of \$4, a small fortune in Victnamese dong, because it was

out of print and the author was not being published anymore. And what about Pham Thi Hoai? I asked. Never heard of her. I spelled her name out. She shook her head, At that moment, Kim, a young schoolteacher, tapped me on the shoulder. In a soft voice, she said that I wouldn't find any of Pham Thi Hoai's books in Vietnam as the government didn't allow them to be published there, that Pham Thi Hoai had been in jail and that now there were a lot of policemen around her house. She said anybody who published her books would go to jail

The incident suddenly reminded me of the harsh reality of political repression here. The dreamy and time worn elegance of this old French colonial town had until then beguiled me, as it does most visitors, with its shaded parks, its wide, tree-lined avenues, its magnificent other and white colonial mansions, its old quarter, its numerous art shops with would-be Matisses, Miros and Duffys witness to the influence of the Ecole des Beaux Arts d'Indochine (College of Fine Arts of Indochina), which the French established in Hanoi in 1925. The old speak the polished French they learned in school in the 30s. Small boys looking for a dong or a bonbon accost you with a line straight out of a Victor Hugo novel: "Je suis sans famille"

I have no family. French-style coffee shops have recently opened up, more to cater to the French businessmen rushing to Hanoi to make a deal than as testimony to the strength of French culture in the former colony. But the coffee is Vietnamese with a sweetish vanilla taste; imported blends are still much too

expensive.
"Everyone tells me it's like Paris," says Nguyen Kim Ngan, who runs the Art Cafe in the old quarter, with wooden and glass doors opening onto the pavement like so many French bistros. "I'm resisting the karaoke wave. I don't like it." She has never been to Paris and she studied English at university, today's language of preference, but she does have three dogs. The café boasts: "Ici on sert

The dreamy and timeworn elegance of this old colonial town is beguiling.

le meilleur café de la région" --- We serve the best coffee in the region. A short means

offers: pain, beurre, fromage, jumbon.
In another street of the old quarter, Hoang Nam serves escargots, cuisses de grenouilles (frog legs) and gives a literal rendition of canard à l'orange, a duck stew in a scooped-out orange peel.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral, a severe neo-

Gothic structure, gray-haired Vietnamese women in almost identical white long-sleeved shirts, black pants and black velvet headbands are singing vespers in a peculiar mix of Gregorian and Buddhist chants; the women are on one side, the men on the other. At the entrance, the time for services are posted in French: Sunday Mass at 4:30 and 6:30 A. M.; en semaine at 5:30 A. M. The National Library at 31 Trantiens

Street, from which the young Pham Thi Hoai used to get her books, stands serene behind a wall in a shaded park. It is one of the many imposing French colonial buildings in Hanoi that, surprisingly, were largely unscarred by American bombs. In the dark wooden library drawers, André Maurois and François Mauriac share reference drawer 62 with Karl Marx.

Pham Thi Hoai writes in "La messagère de cristal" (Editions des Femmes, Paris, 1991)

that as a child growing up in the Hanoi of the late '60s and early '70s, she devoured books, mainly French and Russian novels; they were her salvation, her life, her manner of discovery. She was lucky. Her father collect-

But, as she points out, others destroyed them as the dangerous symbol of decadean capitalism. Today, beneath its Eastern Gallic charm, the apparent banning of Pham Thi-Hoat's novels is a reminder that Hanoi is also the city of Lenin Square, of the Ho Chi Minh.
Memorial and of the pre-perestroika department store with dusty wooden planks and glass wooden cabinets displaying a gas mask next to the green army pith helmets once worn by North Vietnam's army now worn by cyclo drivers.

The petty cadres still haunt the city. Almost everyone has a story to tell about de-nunciations and harassment.

A university student, who preferred not to be named, said: "Vietnam used to be a very bad place. Because I was studying English the police used to come and look through my books and papers and say, 'Why are you studying English?' But that's Vietnam; first the French, then the Americans in the South, then the Russians. Now maybe it's better."

Sherry Buchanan is a journalist based in

■ A London art gallery is selling 2,700 roils of toilet paper, an untitled work by sculptress Susan Stockwell, for £10,000 (about \$15,000). Agence France-Presse tells us that the artwork, which rises 4.5 meters or about 15 feet, was sponsored by a maker of paper tissues, which generously supplied the rolls. Gallery owner Bernard Jacobson said that David Bowie, among others, may be interested. Ground Control to Major Bowie, can you read us?

Trois Couleurs: Blanc Directed by Krzysztof Kies-

lowski. France. The second part of Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy, built around the theme of equality, begins in a Paris law court and ends in front of a Warsaw prison. Dominique (Julie Delpy) is divorcing Karol (Zbigniew Zamachowski), charging that he did not consummate the marriage. Karol's French is so inadequate, he needs an interpreter; he is not equal to anything. Furious at his inadequacies, Dom-inique sets fire to her hair-dressing salon, denouncing him as the culprit. On the run, penniless Karol resorts to sending himself back home in a valise. He scrambles out and to the top of Warsaw's black market society; once prosperous and powerful, he takes revenge. Zamachowski is appealing as Karol, the loser who takes all, and Delpy looks cold and contentious enough as Dominique, but the movie veers between the sordid and the burlesque, striking a note of grim mirth. It's loaded with references - including flashes from previous Kieslowski films — like a joke that entertains family members, but sits heavy with the compa-ny. (Joan Dupont, IHT).

intersection

Directed by Mark Rydell. U. S. Richard Gere devotes his vast

intellect to a pressing issue of the day in his new film "Intersection": Should he as an incredibly wealthy architect go back to his wife, Sharon Stone, or stay with his mistress, Lolita Davidovich? It's a question that ranks up there on the suspense-o-meter with "Paper or plastic?" It all begins pleasantly enough as Vincent Eastman (Gere) appears to drive his sports car over a cliff and his inane life flashes back before his eyes. It seems that he was already at a crossroads in his life when he swerved to miss that vanload of hippies, which dissolves into the bedroom of his lover, Olivia (Davidovich). The nubile redhead arches greedily

against Gere's receptive — and somewhat pudgy — loins. More flashbacks reveal that he's become involved with the saucy magazine writer after the spark went out of his marriage to Sally (Stone), the mother of their perfect 13-year-old, Meghan (Jenni-fer Morrison). With help from her wealthy and supportive family, they had founded a fabulously successful design firm, Eastman & Eastman. It's tough on him, working with Sally one minute and rubbing against Oli-via the next. Martin Landau. who plays a close family friend and colleague, advises him to get ty-eyed, thinking about how he and the missus kept putting off that big trip to Europe. And, well, you know. While it's obvious that Sally ought to be the winner in terms of tact, beauty, taste and business acumen, she's not a fighter like Olivia. Then again maybe she is just sick of Vincent, a tiresome shilly-shallier. Olivia, a tad desperate for a noted Northwestern feminist, gets drunk and confronts the Eastmans at the gala opening of a museum designed by their firm. Sally is kind to her rival because women are invariably noble in this situation, as we all know. But Vincent is furious with Olivia. After dropping her off, he drives off into the rainy night for his meeting with destiny. Whom will he choose? Well. Lord knows, we don't want to spoil it for you if for some inex-

licable reason you care to see this completely mane and inconsequential tale (Rita Kempley, WP)

Sakura Directed by Seijiro Yoyama. Japan

Already - even before it opens — given glowing testimonials from educational groups across the archipelago, this film is the latest example of that hardy Japanese breed: the entertainment that inculcates civic virtues. In this one the sensitive bus conductor neglects health, wife and family in order to realize his dream of planting a row of cher-





Sharon Stone and Richard Gere in "Intersection"; Zbigniew Zamachowski in "Trois Couleurs: Blanc."

ry trees, sakura, across Japan. During the interminable course of this picture, we watch him pot, plant and pant as cancer takes its toll. This degree of dangerous dedication we are invited to find as nothing less than admirable and are likewise re-quired to view all the sobbing and carrying on as somehow sa-lutory. Though the film lists a director, it was actually made by a committee (every last member listed in the credits) and the film consequently suffers the fate of all such projects: By satisfying everyone one satisfies nobody. (Donald Richie, IHT)

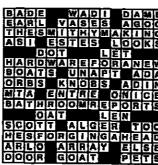
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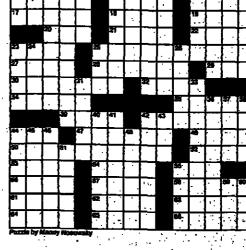
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## Vienna Intrigue: Who Has Real Sacher Torte?

By Mark Kurlansky

IENNA - Now that Vienna has lost its role as the neutral city between the West and the Soviet bloc, there may not be many spy thrillers set in this formal old-fashioned stone-paved city. One of the few secrets left that anybody still wants to fight about is the Sacher torte.

In this capital of a great cake tradition the undisputed grande dame of Vienna cof-fee and pastry houses remains Demel's in the center of the old city. In its woodpaneled, mirrored, chandeliered rooms, some of the world's best desserts are served. Demet traces its origin to 1786 and claims to have 250 cookie recipes and 55 cake and pastry recipes secured in a vault.

Whether anyone is really trying to steal these recipes or not, keeping them secret is part of the legend. The staff consists of 105 employees, many highly specialized in such fields as pastry with yeast, chocolate work or meringues. Owned for two decades by a Swiss company, the house was recently sold to a German one.

While the company literature claims that the waitresses still speak a special Demel'screated 19th-century grammatical form of German, it is sometimes difficult to get them to speak German at all since they are serving American and Japanese tourists much of the time. When they do speak German it is usually a rather stark contemporary usage. They are busy.

But their pastry remains unequaled. marked by the willingness to make a clear statement with each dessert, sometimes going sweet, sometimes dry, sometimes a harsh belt of alcohol, sometimes mild and delicate, sometimes heavy, sometimes light.

Comparisons with other houses are getting easier because the repertoire has gotten standardized. All the Konditereien in Vienna offer apple strudel, the rum-soaked, fruitfilled Punschrorte, the caramel-glazed, choc-Olate-cream Dobostorte, the chocolate-andmeringue Stefanietorte. Each tried for its specialties, and by now, everything that has been deemed worthy has been copied by everyone else.

Most of this pilfering of ideas has been accepted in silence.

But the Sacher torte being not only Vienna's most famous cake, but one of its simplest, is a more serious issue. It originated at the Hotel Sacher. Eduard Sacher started the hotel in 1876 and served supposedly the same chocolate cake his father, Franz, had invented as a 16-year-old apprentice half a century earlier.

But after the collapse of the empire, when aristocrats had lost their fortunes, the hotel went bankrupt and the Sachers' son sold the Sacher torte or - more importantly - the rights, to his friend Demel.

But new management saved the Hotel Sacher and soon there were two different versions, both called "original Sacher torte." A Sacher torte is a plain, fairly light chocolate cake with apricot jam and chocolate glaze on top. At some point after World War the Sachers decided the cake was too dry and began splitting it in the center and filling

with additional apricot jam. The fact that both versions claimed to be the "original Sacher torte" led to years of litigation interrupted only by the Nazis. In 1958 an Austrian court ruled that even though Demel's single-slab torte may be the original recipe, only Sacher has the legal right to use the word "original."

O Sacher serves a two-layer cake with a chocolate circle in the icing asserting it is "the original" and Demel serves a single-layer cake with a chocolate triangle in the icing that grudging-ly says, "Eduard Sacher torte erzeugnis [product] Ch. Demel's Söhne." Both package

their Sacher torten for worldwide sales.

Meanwhile all of Vienna and half the Western world is making Sacher torten with varying degrees of success. Some do not even look like a Sacher torte. No one wants to fight about most of these imitations. After all any good baker should be able to make a good chocolate-covered chocolate cake.

"The recipe for the Sacher torte is not a secret," said Robert Palfrader, Sacher's res-

taurant director. "We won't give a recipe but it's not a secret. But it's a secret that it's not a secret. Don't tell anyone I said it's not a secret."

The only thing Sacher wants to fight about is the term "original."

"If you have it somewhere else and it's better, it's not original," cautioned Pal-

They are very serious about this. Someone on the Bahnhofstrasse in Zurich started calling their Sacher torte "original" and it took one week for word to get to Vienna. Tourists went to Sacher's and said, "But I just had an original Sacher torte in Zurich." Sacher always tracks down these rumors. They took the Swiss to court and won. They caught a baker in Japan saying "original" but the Japanese settled out of court.

Palfrader said if there is a secret to the 1,000 to 3,000 Sacher torten they crank out each day, it is fresh eggs from farmers, no chemicals, a top-quality chocolate made ex-clusively for the hotel by the Viennese firm Männer (famous for little chocolate pastry slices served all over Vienna under the name Männerschnitzen).

At last the secret is out. Cakes and pastry, like all other cooking are as good as what you put into them.

Mark Kurlansky is a journalist based in

#### **AUSTRALIA**

# Opera House, tel: (2) 250-7777. Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," with Claire Primrose/Maria Politicina, Heather Begg, Kerry Elizabeth Brown, and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," with Amanda Thane/Oga Savina, Kenneth Collins, Lindsay Galfriey, Feb. 7, 10, 14, 19 and 22.

#### AUSTRIA

Jüdisches Museum, tel: 535-04-31, Jüdisches Museum, tel: 535-04-31, closed Saturdays. This new museum focuses on the relationship over the centuries between Jews and their surroundings in Austria and Europe. To Feb. 13: "The Freudians." Photographs of the International Conterence of Psychoanalysis held in Lucerne in 1934.

Kunstforum der Bank Austria, tel: (222) 531-24, open daily. To Feb. 20: "Barock in Nespel." Paintings and sketches of the Nespelitan school of Baroque in the 17th and 18th controls of the 18th and 18th controls of the 18th and 18th controls of the 18th 18th centuries, including the period between 1707 and 1734 during which the Austrian Habsburgs reigned as viceroys in Naples.

#### BELOIUM

La Monnale, tel: (2) 218-12-11. Jonathan Harvey's "Inquest of Love." A 1992 opera, directed by

Esthetique, Cent Ans Après." Fea-tures the works exhibited under the aegis of the two audacious Belgian associations between 1884 and 1914. Includes works by Seural, Bonnard, Ensor, van de Velde and Khrooff, among others.

Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire tel: (2) 741-7211, closed Mondays.
To April 17: "Miniatures Mogholes de l'Inde." Miniatures from the New Delha museum, depicting life at the court of the Mogul emperors, harem scenes and scenes from epic poems such as "Ramayana." such as "Ramayana."

Cambridge The Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332-900, closed Mondays. To April 10: "Drawings by Sculptors." Focuses on the role of drawing in the sculptor's art from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Includes drawings and sculptures by Rubens, Matisse and

#### London

Berbican Centre, tel: (71) 638-4141, open daily. To March 5: "An-thory Whishaw on Memory and Re-flection: Paintings Since 1986." 80 paintings explore experiences in napaintings explore experiences in nature and references to the work of velasquez, Brueghel and Picasso. British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, open daily. To April 17: "Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmittheads Collection." The Tibetan and Nepalese material contains a wide range of fine religious images, including the Buddha and bodhisativas, minor deities, lamas and historical religious figures. The tea ceremony pottery dates from the 15th to the 20th centuries.

National Gallery, tel: (71) 839-

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National Gallery, tel: (71) 8393526, open daily, To April 10:
"Claude: The Poetic Landscape." 25
paintings and 50 drawings by Claude
Lorrain, the 17th-century French
painter, whose landscapes provide



Albers's "Owl," Dublin.

an idealized setting for incidents from myth, history and the Bible.
Serpentine Gallery, tel: (71) 402-8075, open deliy. To Feb. 27: "Wall to Wall." From cave painting to gratifit, by way of freecos, the practice of wall drawing has a long history. The anists on show include Lothar Baumgarten, Michael Craig-Martin, Jessica Diemond, Barbara Kruger and Inwence Weiner.

Musée des Beaux-Arts de l'On-tario, tel: (416) 977-0414, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To March 6: "Seven Florentine Heads: 15th-Cen-

tury Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen." Silverpoint drawings by leading draftsmen of the Renaissance including Fra Angelico, Leonardo da Vinci, Domenico Ghir-landalo and Filippo Lippi.

#### CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague
Castle Riding School, tel: (2) 33-37-32-32. To March 27: "Recent and Contemporary Czech Painting From the State Galleries" Collections." Focuses on Czech painting from the 1960s to the present day.

#### DENMARK

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, tel: (42) 19-07-19, open daily. Con-tinuing/To March 6: "Claude Monet: Works from 1880 to 1926." Features late figurative paintings of the garden and Japanese bridge at Giverny, as well as Japanese woodcuts which were an important source of inspiration for Monet.

#### FRANCE

Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, tel: 40-41-65-65, closed Tuesdays. tel: 40-41-55-65, closed Tuesdays. To April 25: "Tony Cragg: Dessins." Recent drawings by the British sculp-tor. The exhibition will travel to Saar-brocken, Germany and St. Gall, Swit-Paris ·

Paris:

Jeu de Paume, tel: 42-60-69-69, closed Mondays. To March 13:

"James Bishop." A retrospective of the works of the American-born abstract painter, including 30 paintings on carryas and 62 oils on paper, spanning the years 1957 to 1987. The exhibition will travel to Munster, Germany.

Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Muse d'Art Moderne de la ville de Paris, tel: 47-23-61-27, closed Mon-days. To March 6: "Autour d'un Chet-d'Oeuvre de Matisse." Three versions of Matisse's peinting "La Danse" are exhibited together for the first time. Also on display are 40 sketches and studies. sketches and studies. flusée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 42-

80-32-14, closed Tuesdays. To April 30: "La Fatence de Detit." 200 tinglazed earthenware pieces manufactured in the Duton city of Detit in the 18th century. Includes plates and dishes, vases and decorative objects. dishes, vases and decorative objects. Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-50-50, closed Mondays. To April 18: "Egyptomania: L'Egypte dans l'Art Occidental 1750-1930." Egypt as a source of inspiration. Features 250 pieces, including paintings, furniture, sculpture and architectural projects showing the fascination of ancient



Helen Levitt photograph at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

#### tion will travel to Ottawa and Vienna.

Stattsoper Unter den Linden, tel: (30) 203-544-94. Gluck's "Al-caste." Directed by Achim Freyer, conducted by Thomas Hengelbrock, with Vinson Cole, Anna Caterina An-tonacci, Philippe Rouillon. Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 9 and 19.

Gustav-Lübcke-Museum, tel: (2381) 17-29-39, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Feb. 27: "Agypten:

Geheimnis der Grabkammern Statistheater, tel: (711) 22-17-95. Verdi's "Rigotetto." Directed by Jo-hannes Schaaf, conducted by Ingo Metzmacher, with Gabriel Sade, Wolfgang Schone and Catriona Smith. Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 10 and 24. Wuppertal

Von der Heydt-Museum, tel: (202) 563-6231, closed Mondays. To Merch 20: "Von Cranach bis Monet."

Irieh Museum of Modern Art tel-671-8666, closed Mondays. To March 24: "Josef Albers." Includes searly Expressionist drawings, col-lages and abstract paintings by the German-born artist who settled in America after being a student and a teacher at the Bauhaus.

The Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To Feb. 15: "Ar-mando Testa." Posters and television commercials by the Italian graphic Tel Aylv

Tel Aviv Museum of Art, tel: 972-3-695-7361, closed Mondays. To April 9: "Robert Mapplethorpe." More than 200 photographs by the contro-versial American photographer.

ITALY Venice

Museo Correr, tel: (41) 52-06-288.

# Continuing/To April 4: "Pietro Longhi." 50 paintings, 35 drawings and 14 prints by the 18th-century Venetian painter famous for his ironi-

## Himeji City

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of His-tory, tel: (792)-88-9011, closed Mondays. To Feb. 13: "Maruyama Okyo," 60 paintings by Okyo, who was influenced by We techniques and by Chinese painting. The national treasure "Yukimatsuzu," a depiction of pine trees in snow on a pair of folding screens, is

Regarda
Reoma Hati, tel: (0877) 86-5533.
To Feb. 28, closed Tuesdays and
Wednesdays. "The Kingdom of Bhutan." Bhutan tolk clothes, testival
masks, musical instruments used at Buddhist services and a Kannon statue bearing 11 different faces.

National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays.

SPAIN

Madrid Museo del Prado, tel: 420-05-45, closed Mondays. To Feb. 15: "Goya: El Capricho y la Invención." A look at the personal, little-known miniatures, cabinet pictures and sketches executed by the master painter and graphic artist. "Truth and Famasy" heat describes the exhibit since the works displayed grapple with such subject matter.

To April 3: "Great French Paintings from the Barnes Collection." Pictures

selected from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes of Philadelphia, who

Empress Place Museum, tel: 336-

73-33, open daily. Continuing/To July 1994: "War and Rifual: Trea-

among others.

SINGAPORE

#### SWITZERLAND

cal description of Venetian life and Lausanne Collection de l'Art Brut, tel: (21)

647-54-35, closed Mondays. To May 22: "Detournements d'Images." Works by the patients of a psychiatric hospital whose imaginations were triggered by well-known drawings, paintings and photographs.

#### SWEDEN

Stockholm Royal Opera, tef: 06 24 82 40. Wagner's "Lohengrin." Conducted by Slegfried Kohler, with Gosta Win-bergh, Anria Sold and Sten Wahlund. Feb. 1, 5, 12, 18 and 22.

#### SWITZERLAND

Kunsthaus tel: 251-67-65, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Feb. 20: "Joseph Beuys." The installations, windows, murals, sculptures and drawings are exemplary of the multi-faceted German artist's work. He lived between 1921 and 1986.

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#### **UNITED STATES**

High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 577-6940, closed Sundays, To March 19: "Ansel Adams: The Early Years." 77 ecquired an exceptional selection of 19th- and 20th-century paintings. Features works by Renoir, Manet, Seurat, Picasso and Modigliani, photographs, including some of his earliest work at Yosemite and lesserknown still lifes, portraits and cityscapes.

## Fort Worth

Kimbell Art Museum, tel: (817) 332-8451, closed Mondays. To April 10: "Ludovico Carraci, 1555-1619: A Retrospective." An exhibit of the work of a master of Italian Baroque. sures of the Warring States." An ex-hibition of Chinese bronze culture from the Warring States period (475work of a master of Italian Baroque. His paintings show mythmic patterns heightened by dramatic contrasts of light and shade. To March 13: "The from the Warring States period (475-221 B. C.).
National Museum Art Gallery, tel: 323656, closed Mondays, To Feb. 20: "From Ritual to Romance: Paintings Inspired by Bali." This exhibition, jointly organized by the Singapore Art Museum and the Neka Museum in Ubud, Bali, brings together more than 70 paintings of Ball seen through the eyes of Indonesian and foreign artists. Golden Age of Florentine Drawing." A survey of Florentine draftsmanship including compositional sketches, studies of individual figures and finished drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, Fra Bartolommeo, Vasari and Francesco Salviati.

Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Museum of
Art, tel: (213) 857-6000. To March
27: "Helen Levitt." A retrospective of 25 photographs from the late 1950s to the present, most of them devoted to New York City where the artist was born and still lives. Also includes photographs from the artist's visit to Mexico in 1941.

#### New York

Museum of Modern Art. tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. To May 17: "Three Masters of the Bau-haus: Lyonel Feininger, Vasily Kan-dinsky and Paul Klee." Printed work by masters who taught at the Bau-haus during the 1920s. Includes Kandinsky's print portfolio "Small World," some of Klee's color litho-graphs and Feininger's woodcuts. graphs and reminger's woodcuts.

The Plerpont Morgan Library, et:
(212) 685-0008, closed Mondays.
To April 17: "Gutenberg and the
Genesis of Printing." Features three
Gutenberg Bibles and a reconstruction of Gutenberg's press. Also documents the geographical spread of
morable time and the chappe from movable type and the change from manuscript to printed-book format.

Norton Simon Museum, tel: (814) 49-6840, open Thursday through Sunday. To Sept. 11: "Kendinsky." More than 30 paintings, watercolors, prints and letters covering the artist's career from 1912 to 1932.

washington
The Corcoran Gallery of Art, tel:
(202) 638-1439, closed Tuesdays.
To April 3: "Picturing History: American Palniting, 1770-1930." 90
scenes of American history by American artists, including works by Benjamin West, John Tumbull, Winslow Homer and Thomas Hart Benton.

#### BOOKS

WHAT THEY RE READING

#### LIVE FROM THE BAT-TLEFIELD: From Vietnam to Baghdad, 35 Years in the World's War Zones

By Peter Arnett. Illustrated. 463 pages. \$23. Simon & Schuster.

Reviewed by

Herbert Mitgang

THIS is fame: While Peter Arnett was broadcasting from Baghdad for CNN during the Gulf War, delivering the news from the enemy capital that was heard and seen around the world, he learned from a Vatican reporter that the Pope wanted to meet him."

And this is fame of a different sort: "I mused in to the BBC at daybreak, and heard White House spokesmen Marlin Fitzwater call me a bar."

Now, in "Live From the Battlefield," his powerhouse of a book of war reportage, Ameri provides the unspoken details behind his controversial broadcasts. His book conveys what a commercial television report, especially a censored or selfcensored one, cannot: the unvarnished discoveries and unrestrained emotions of a great reporter.

The title ought to be read for a double meaning. His broadcasts from Baghdad were "live," almost instantly transmitted via satellite to television screens halfway around the world, although an Iraqi censor checked his words beforehand

There was never any concealment from the public, all his re-ports from the Rashid hotel were identified as having been cleared by the fracts. The second meaning is even more remarkable: After 35 years of combat reporting from Victnam to Bashdad and beyond, Amen is still alive to tell his story. And what a singular story it is. What emerges is a portrait of a

e Richard Reeves, author and syndicated columnist, is reading "The W.P.A. Guide to the Oregon Trail," published by the U.S. govermoent's Works Progress Administration during the Depression. "I'm doing a text on retracing the Oregon Trail, so I'm catching up on the work they did in the 1930s. It's giving me a picture of what it looked like then." (Kenneth N. Cukier, IHT)

charming and even modest individual, who was determined to be where the action was and to bring out only the truth of what he saw. After Vietnam, trying to report the truth became a casualty of war, in later U.S. military actions -Grenada, Panama, the Gulf - every effort was made to keep the U.S.

press away from the battlefield. In-

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got him into trouble with the an

thorities and certain other journalists: from American generals in Vietnam; to hawkish columnists, to KGB strongmen in Moscow, to presidents and their spokesmen. It's a close call, but Amen doesn't consider himself a war lover. Here's how he explains himself in the first sentence of his book: "I have a rule never to do anything

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Polynesian blood and his upbring-ing, he was "culturally unanchored, disoriented by my mixed heritage." The young Peter Amett, strongly supported by his Anglican parents,

the pursuit of his latest girlfriend. He started to write for small newspapers in New Zealand, then moved on to The Bangkok World back in Saigon when it fell in 1975; in Thailand, where he covered evher the refused to leave, and gives a ery kind of story, from boxing to a nostalgic Somerset Maugham. For a while, Arnett lived a rather

came a scholar, won prizes in nesia, honed his political skills and Bible study, discovered he was a in 1962 moved on to the half-hidloner and began to dream. His den war in Vietnam, escalated by wanderlust was usually inspired by the Kennedy administration. For a few years, Amett covered stories in the United States as a special correspondent. But he was

wonderful account of how the AP office was protected when the North Vietnamese soldiers arrived. fictional life himself, sharing the mistress of a high-ranking govern-ment official. That was one way of been a Victoong agent for 10 years. getting political news.

He quickly discovered that one of his part-time photographers had Arnett continued to file from occu-In 1960, Arnett's giamorous pied Saigon, foreshadowing his feat newspaper career scaled a peak in in Baghdad for CNN. Laos, where he discovered the free-

Herbert Mitgang is on the staff of time correspondent for AP in Indo- The New York Times.

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#### By Alan Truscott

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dad. "Live From the Battlefield" up the ace and hoped to score four turns out to be a fascinating autobi- heart tricks for a total of nine. The ography as well, the story of a play of the heart jack revealed the young man growing up in New sad truth in that suit, and South Zealand, a descendant of English continued by cashing the spade

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## Here Come the New 'China Plays'

BELJING - China has identified 22 stateowned companies, primarily energy and transportation concerns, as likely candidates to list shares on the Hong Kong and New York stock exchanges this year.

Liu Hongru, director of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, said the companies had been recommended by his watchdog body, provincial governments, as well two government agencies, according to a report in the official China Securities newspaper.

The 22 companies, if they are given final represent the second group of companies to seek listings abroad. Of the first group of nine companies, which were announced in late 1992, six are now trading on the Hong Kong

While the timing, scale and location of each listing has yet to be decided, the paper said Mr. Liu urged companies to list quickly. "You should grasp the opportunity while conditions on the Hong Kong stock market are relatively good, and strive to enter the international capital market early," Mr. Liu was quoted as telling executives from the 22 companies at a conference in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

Charles Lee, chairman of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, said Thursday after the meetings with officials in China, that the majority of companies would apply to list in Hong Kong. A small number may also arrange global offerings and seek listings on other markets, including the New York Stock

He said Mr. Liu told him that each of the short-listed companies would restructure their finances and accounting practices to comply with international standards.

Mr. Lee said he hoped that after six months

the first few companies would be able to list in Hong Kong. He gave no specific date.

Power utilities dominate the list. Huaneng International, Shandong Huaneng Electricity, Datang Joint Stock Power and Shandong International Power are on track to sell shares abroad, the China Securities newspaper said.

Power equipment firms selected include the China Harbin Power Plant and the Northeast Electric Transmission company, it said. Also included are transport-related companies, such as China Southern Airlines. China Eastern Airlines, Guangzhou-Shenz-hen Railway, Shanghai Hui Xing Shipping and the aircraft manufacturer Xian Aircraft

Two of China's major automakers, Doug-feng Motor and Qingling Automobile, are also eligible for listing.

Mr. Liu said the companies were chosen to fit China's industrial policy, which has made power, transport and raw materials priority sectors. Good economic efficiency and ability to earn foreign currency by exporting were also taken into account, the newspaper said.

U.S. fund managers who have traveled to Beijing in the last six months have all pointed to power and transport sectors as attractive candidates for listing abroad. They offer investors a low-risk stake in China's vibrant economy, which grew at a rate of 13 percent

They said that on the negative side, they are also sectors that have suffered heavy losses due to decades of state management

Most of the infrastructure projects are based in coastal areas, boosting their prospects for hard currency profits, while manufacturers are fairly evenly spread. Telecommunications plays are notably absent, however. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

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## Ailing Alitalia Brings In New Managers

ROME — The troubled statecontrolled airline Alitalia SpA fired its president and managing director on Thursday and picked two for-mer managers of U.S. computer companies' European subsidiaries

as their replacements.

The chairman, Michele Principe, will be replaced by Renato Riverso, who recently retired as head of International Business Machines-Corp.'s European operations. The managing director, Giovanni Bisig-nani, will be replaced by Roberto Schisano, president of Texas Instruments Inc.'s European operations.

Mr. Bisignam will become presi-suffering" said Karl Heinz Neudent of Tirrenia di Navigazione meister, secretary-general of the As-SpA, an IRI company that operates sociation of European Airlines. passenger and cargo ships between Italy's mainland and its islands.

The reshuffling, announced by the state holding company Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which owns 86 percent of Alitalia, had been widely expected.

Alitalia is the latest in a string of unprofitable European airlines that have replaced their management. Air France, Spain's Iberia and Ireland's Aer Lingus have all changed management recently.

"It shows the whole industry is

However, losses resumed growing in 1993, and the company is still bogged down with 2 trillion lire (\$1.25 billion) of debt.

taking over in 1989.

Mr. Principe was been largely a figurehead president, but Mr. Ri-

verso is expected to take an active role. The 60-year-old executive left

his post as president of IBM's Eu-

ropean operations because he had

reached mandatory retirement age.

Newspapers and analysts have long said that IRI was casting

around to replace Mr. Bisignani,

even though he has cut the airline's

losses three years in a row since

moving fast enough to establish al-liances with other airlines, as most European airlines are rushing to do. Alitalia's main alliance is with Hungary's Malev. (Bloomberg, AP)

■ Olympic in Dispute

A Paris-based international company said Thursday it will seek \$100 million in compensation from Olympic Airways, the Greek stateowned airline, for breach of contract in the sale of its catering sub-sidiary, The Associated Press

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## **Budget Outlook** Gives a Boost To U.S. Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - The Con- fice estimates on the deficit were ressional Budget Office on Thurs- based on an expectation of continday confirmed President Bill Clin- ued economic growth that would ton's estimate that the federal provide increasing tax revenues. budget deficit in the coming fiscal year will drop below \$180 billion, after inflation totaling 2.9 percent iving a lift to bond prices and in 1994, about the same as the 2.8 elping to push stocks to new

heights.
The office projected a \$171 billion pool of red ink for fiscal 1995, can Bankers Association, which which begins Oct. 1, down from the predicted that the U.S. economy \$223 billion deficit estimated for the current fiscal year. The agency's annual report to Congress forecast a further decline, to \$166 billion, in fiscal 1996.

The good news for the nation's budget deficit came amid two positive economic reports, about durable goods and unemployment

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods rose 2.2 percent in December for the fifth straight monthly gain — the longest string of advances in more than six years. For all of 1993, the advance totaled 8.6 percent, the strongest showing since 1988.

The durable-goods report con-firms "what we've known for a while," said Thomas Carpenter, chief economist at ASB Capital Management. "Consumers are buying cars, they're buying computers, they're buying machine

Meanwhile, the Labor Department said new claims for jobless benefits plunged by 56,000, to 309,000 in the latest week. But that news was mitigated by the earthquake on the West Coast and bitter cold in the Midwest and the East, which emptied unemployment offices. The government said the drop may be temporary because people often take several weeks to file for benefits after natural disas-

Following the news, stock prices surged 18 points to a record high. reported from Athens.

The Albert Abela group of companies, which bought a 49 percent stake in Olympic Catering in 1991 for \$14 point, also said it would seek to And in an unusual reaction to said the strong price showing indi-million, due to strong volume

The Congressional Budget Of-

percent estimate for last year.
The CBO's growth forecast was seconded Thursday by the Ameri-

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## Strong Profits For Consumer Goods Makers

Several U.S. multinational consumer-products companies reported strong quarterly earnings Thursday, as a recovering American economy and growth in emerging markets overcame the negative effects of a strengthening dollar and recession in Western Europe.

Coca-Cola Co. reported a 19 percent increase in net profit for the quarter, to \$466 million, and record results for all of 1993. The soft drink maker had net income of \$2.2 billion or \$1.67 a share last year, a lion or \$1.26 a share in 1992.

Revenue for the year was \$13.9 billion, up 7 percent from \$13.1 billion in 1992. Fourth-quarter revenue was up 4 percent at \$3.4 bil-Operating income from interna-

tional soft drink sales increased 9 percent during the year, led by a 41 percent increase for the company's Northeast Europe-Middle East op-

In the European Union, however, Coca-Cola's operating income

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#### Thinking Ahead

## The Time Bomb of Early Retirement

By Reginald Dale narrational Heroid Tribone

ASHINGTON - As moonployment has mounted in the industrial countries, a fundamental tradition of labor relations has been stood on its head. The rule used to be "last in, first out." That often meant that when a company shed workers, the youngest went first.

Now the rule is more like "first in, first out,"

and the axe falls on older workers while the young keep their jobs. As companies lautally downsize, they have come to rely heavily on early retirement to achieve their goals. That policy no longer makes economic or social sense, as governments, which frequently have to foot the bill, are beginning to realize. Many of them are now trying to reverse early retirement incentives they intro-

duced in the 1970s and 1980s. But most employers are shortsightedly carrying on regardless — and storing up problems for themselves further down the line. Many managements mistakenly believe older workers are less productive. And they often find it cheaper to get rid of older workers, who tend to earn more, than to make severance payments to their younger colleagues.

In many cases the cost to a company of . letting an older worker go is simply in making up the difference in reduced pension benefits until full retirement age is reached. The state takes the brunt of the financial burden. In fact, says Mahrez Okba, an economist at.

the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, there is no evidence that older workers are less productive

than younger ones — except in Jobs requiring a good deal of physical strength. Numerous studies of different professions. he says, have failed to find a direct relationship between age and job performance. Sixty-five-year-olds today are much healthier than

they were even a generation ago.

Physical strength is anyway becoming less relevant in the industrial countries as manual work moves to developing nations. In high

> By shedding older workers, companies are ensuring problems further down the line.

technology industries, skill and experience should be at a premiu And it's likely to get more expensive to case out older workers as governments cut back

early retirement incentives. Britain and the Netherlands, for instance are examining how to reduce the state disability payments that companies often treat as substitute pension schemes; France is trying to persuade employers to cut back on early retirement; and the United States plans to save money by gradually raising the official retirement age from 65 to 67 after 2000. Other governments are trying to cut back the generous pension rates they introduced as inducements for early retirement; they're en-

The difficulty is that there is now a broad social consensus in favor of early retirement, which the governments themselves have

helped to create over the past 20 years. Labor unions went along with the idea to protect younger workers, who, if dismissed, were likely to receive less generous income support than their older colleagues, Mr. Okba

writes in the OECD Observer magazine. It also suited governments to keep the young at work for political reasons. While vommer workers enter the unemployment statistics immediately on dismissal, those taking early retirement normally do not. Unem-

ployed youths are more likely than their elders to turn to crime or riot in the streets. But governments have changed their minds as the cost of early retirement has escalated far beyond their expectations — at a time when

ational budgets are already severely strained. And while most industrial countries today are worried about unemployment, there are fears of a labor shortage in 10 to 20 years, as the baby boom generation moves toward retirement. A much smaller work force will have to finance the retirement of many more people — and if all the baby boomers wanted to retire early, the cost would be prohibitive.

Most companies feel they don't need to

worry about that now - and governments can't force them to. But governments will still try to make early retirement less attractive. The chances are that many companies in the industrial countries will in the future want to keep their employees working for more years rather than fewer. Those employees are now at mid-career. It's time to start reversing

the attitudes and practices that have become ingrained over the last 20 years.

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## **Dollar Tumbles** Against Yen, Mark

NEW YORK - The dollar turnbled Thursday against major currencies, hitting a seven-week low against the yen after Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen repeated com-

plaints about Japanese trade policy. His comments prompted many traders to buy yen on speculation the Clinton administration will re-

## Foreign Exchange

sume calls for a stronger yen if it does not win trade concessions

The dollar closed at 108.60 yen, its lowest since Dec. 8, down from 110.095 yen at Wednesday's New York close. The dollar also fell to 1,7290 Deutsche marks, from 1.7451 DM, as Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in a speech in Switzerland, emphasized historical reasons for

maintaining a strong mark.

The dollar fell to 5.8848 French francs from 5.9270 francs and to 1.4612 Swiss francs from 1.4710 francs. The pound rose to \$1.5085 from \$1.4945.

Mr. Bentsen, in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said, "Japan needs to get in step with the world economy. Market penetration by foreign products in Japan is

The dollar slumped against the yen on Wednesday after U.S. trade officials said they had made no progress in the latest round of trade

negotiations, which ended in Washington on Tuesday. The United States wants Japan to accept numerical targets for increasing imports of autos, medical equip-ment and other products.

"It's pretty obvious that the U.S. isn't satisfied with Japan's efforts" to open its markets to imports, said Chris Widness, international economist at Chemical Bank. wouldn't be surprised to see the dollar fall to 105 yen."

Mr. Kohl, at an international economic conference in Dayos, recalled the collapses of the German currency earlier this century, which caused broad sections of the population to lose everything."

As Europe moves toward monetary union, he said, "A stable currency is and will remain the indispensible prerequisite for economic A dealer at Union Bank of Swit-

triggered significant dollar selling by Continental European investors, which triggered stop-loss orders around 1.7420 DM and only attracted support around 1.7390 DM. Another reason for the dollar's

fall against the mark was specula-tion that Friday's report on the U.S. gross domestic product will not be strong enough to keep the dollar at its current lofty levels. The dollar rose to a 29-month high of 1.7565 DM on Jan. 18. (Bloomberg, AFX)

### **ECONOMY:** Boost for Stocks

Continued from Page 11 would grow by a solid 2.8 percent

On Friday, the government is to report on the rate of economic growth in the fourth quarter of last year. Analysts expect a 5.4 percent

The CBO also assumed that the government would hold to the \$500

#### N.Y. Stocks

billion, five-year deficit reduction budget approved by Congress last

In his State of the Union address, Mr. Clinton said he would send Congress, on Feb. 7, "one of the toughest budgets ever."

"It will cut spending in more than 300 programs, eliminate 100 domestic programs, and reform the way government buys its goods and services," he said.

Despite the expectation of lower deficits, which would tend to reduce inflation, both the CBO and the bankers' association called for the Federal Reserve Board to increase interest rates soon in order to keep inflation in check.

The Congressional Budget Of-fice said Thursday it expects the Federal Reserve to allow short-

ly 4 percent. But investor confidence that interest rates wouldn't rise significantly any time soon helped boost stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 18.30 points to 3,926.30.

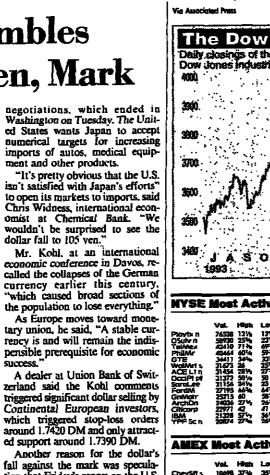
Strong corporate earnings reports also boosted stocks, analysts

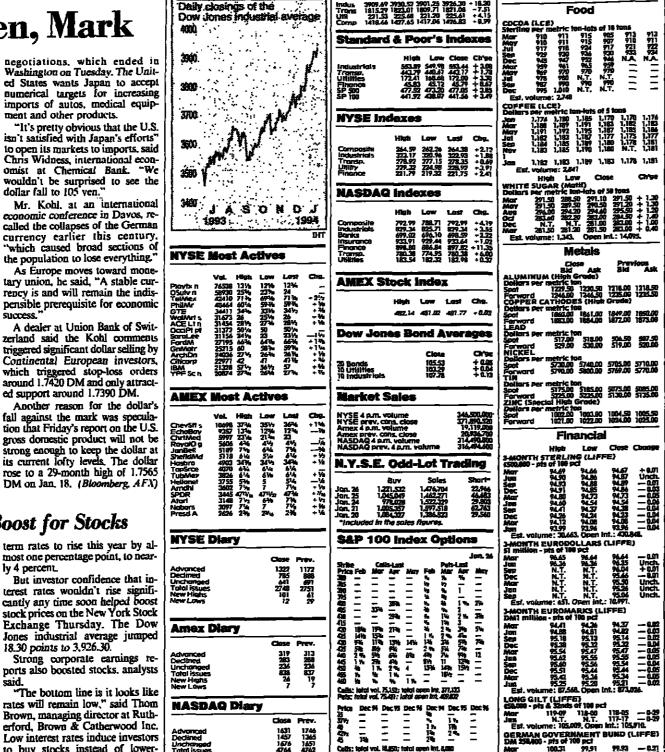
The bottom line is it looks like rates will remain low," said Thom Brown, managing director at Rutherford, Brown & Catherwood Inc. Low interest rates induce investors to buy stocks instead of loweryielding fixed-income securities.

Auto stocks rallied amid reports Ford Motor Co. is expected to announce a used-car leasing program next week. Ford rose 1% to 66% and Chrysler Corp. added % to

AT&T rose ¼ to 56%, and Dupont Co. rose 1 to 551/s, after both posted stronger earnings. Coca-Cola gained % to 41%. The

soft drink maker said fourth-quarter profit grew 19 percent amid surging sales in several emerging





## EARN: Consumer-Products Companies Gain, Helped by U.S. Recovery

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sales, and cost cuts. Measured by value, revenue was down marginally in the quarter to \$7.79 billion. But unit volume of sales was up 6 percent, excluding discontinued pulp and juice opera-

before subtracting a one-time previously announced restructuring of the toiletry maker's overseas

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Earnings for the quarter totaled \$169 million, or 76 cents per share, up 25 percent from \$135 million or Gillette Co. reported record earlier quarter, Sales were \$1.62 bil-fourth-quarter sales and earnings lion, an increase of 7 percent.

Continued from Page 11 before subtracting a one-time The company took a one-time growth in domestic and foreign charge against earnings to reflect a charge of \$263 million after a realignment, mainly in foreign opera-

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Sara Lee Corp. reported its net income for the quarter to Jan. 1, the second of its financial year, was \$236 million, or 48 cents a share, up from \$220 million, or 44 cents, a year ago. Sales rose 5 percent, to \$4 U.S. business.

But the company predicted gen-erally flat third-quarter earnings as its personal products business continues to suffer from weak sales.

STOCK SPLIT

Pyxls Corp 2 for 1 split; pay date approx

John Bryan, chairman and chief executive, pointed to "ongoing softness" in European hosiery and kmt products and weaker-than-ex-

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## AT&T's Profit Increases, MCI's Dips

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Thursday that its operating profit rose in the fourth quarter as demand for its telegraph computer products

quarter as demand for its telecommunications and computer products and services strengthened with the global economy.

MCI Communications Corp., second to AT&T among U.S. long-distance phone companies, said its sales rose 13.4 percent, to \$3.13 billion, although profit dropped 33.1 percent, to \$107 million. MCI posted a charge of \$92 million for costs associated with its realignment and consolidation costs related to its acquisition of British Telecom and consolidation costs related to its acquisition of British Telecom North American, a unit of British Telecom PLC.

At AT&T, fourth-quarter profit rose to \$1.15 billion or 85 cents a share from \$1 billion.

share, from \$1 billion, or 75 cents a share, in 1992. Revenue climbed to \$18.46 billion from \$17.50 billion.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

#### Intel Gives Timetable for New Chip

NEW YORK (AP) — Intel Corp. will demonstrate its next-generation computer chip within a year and begin selling it later in 1995. Chief Executive Andrew Grove said Thursday.

In a speech to financial analysts, Mr. Grove said the company would have the new chip, code-named P6, running personal computers by this time next year. Since its chips supply the computing power in more than 80 percent of recognition 80 percent of personal computers, Intel's development pronouncements cause computer makers and software writers to adjust their planning.

Apple Computer Inc., meanwhile, said that it would license its Macintarh computer inc., meanwhile, said that it would license its Macintarh computer inc. tosh operating software to competitors that use the PowerPC microprocessor the company is developing with International Business Machines Corp. and Motorola Inc. The first Macintosh computers with the new chip are expected to be on the market in March.

#### Salomon Posts Big Earnings Gain

NEW YORK (AP) - Salomon Inc., parent of the Wall Street investment house Salomon Brothers, reported Thursday that fourth-quarter profit more than tripled due to strong performances in investment

banking and trading

The company said net income for the quarter was \$476 million, or \$4.33 a share, up from \$143 million, or \$1.10 a share, in the same period a year earlier. Total revenue was \$2.8 billion, a 29 percent increase over \$2.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 1992.

Salomon Brothers contributed \$862 million in pretax earnings, up from \$503 million in the fourth quarter of 1992. The improvement reflected growth in Salomon Brothers investment banking and trading for clients.

#### For U.S. Carriers, a Mixed Quarter

CHICAGO (Combined Dispatches) - UAL Corp., the parent of United Airlines, reported Thursday that its fourth-quarter loss was \$64 million, or \$3.02 a share, down from fourth-quarter 1992's loss of \$224 million, or \$9.27. But the loss was wider than analysts' had expected and the commany's chairman called the results unacceptable.

Delta Air Lines Inc. posted a slightly narrower loss for the quarter, of \$141 million, or \$3.36 per share, compared with \$144.4 million, or \$3.46, a year earlier. Results in the latest quarter include a charge of \$112.3 million to reflect early retirement of about 1,500 employees.

America West Airlines Inc. posted a fourth-quarter profit and became the first U.S. carrier to end 1993 in the black. America West reported

fourth-quarter net income of \$10.4 million, or 39 cents a share, compared with a year-ago loss of \$17.6 million, or 75 cents. For the full year, America West reported net income of \$37.2 million, or \$1.47 a share, compared with a net loss of \$131.8 million, or \$5.58, for 1992. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

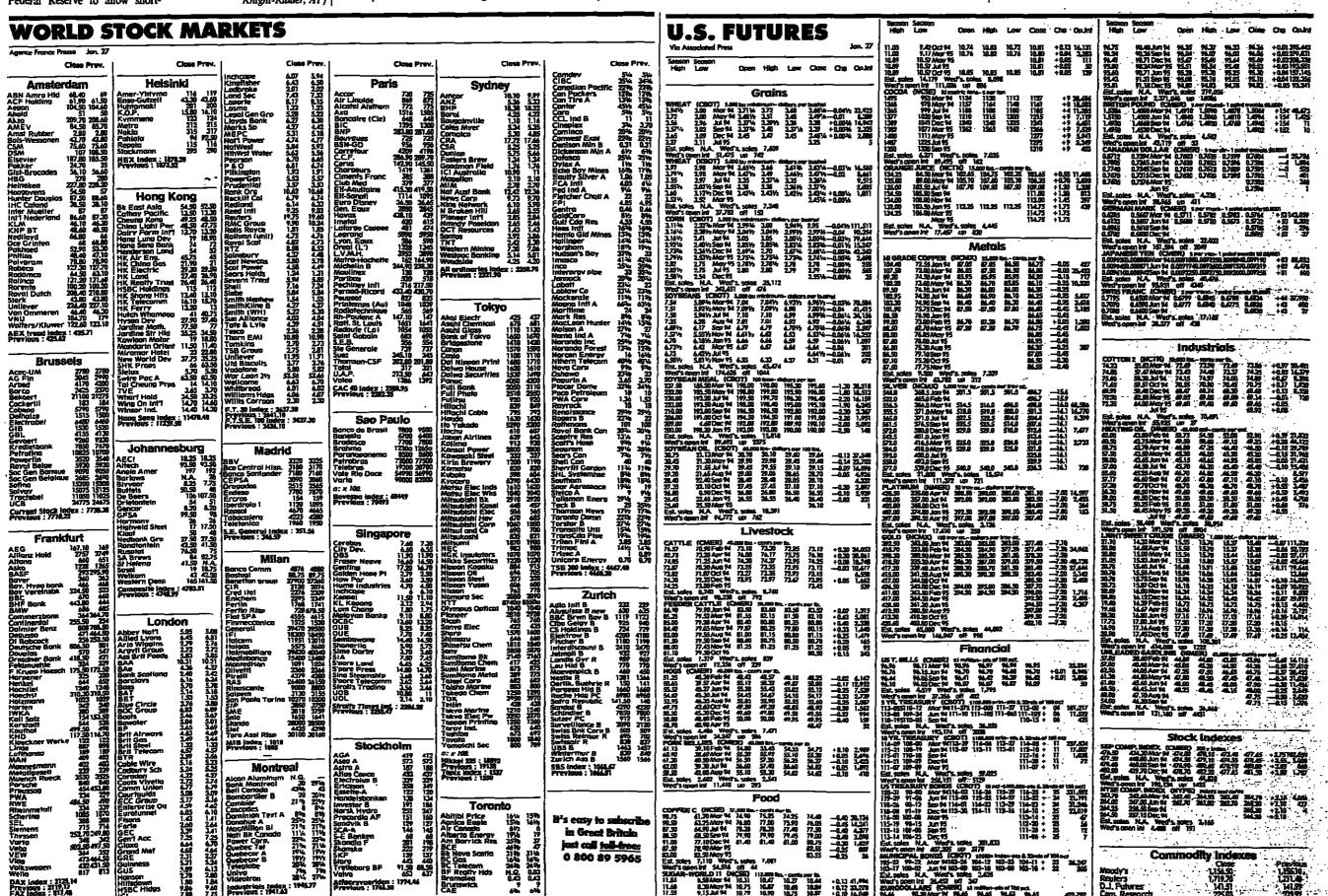
#### Implant Claims Lead to Loss at Dow

MIDIAND, Michigan (Bloomberg) — Dow Chemical Co. said Thursday a previously announced \$192 million charge for the cost of senting breast-implant claims led to a fourth-quarter loss of \$46 million, of 18 cents a share. Sales fell 4.5 percent, to \$4.51 billion from \$4.72 billion. A year ago, the company had a loss of \$248 million, or 92 cents a share, after taking a \$433 million charge for the costs of an extensive restructur-

The fourth-quarter charge was for a pending settlement of litigation: filed by breast-implant recipients against Dow Corning Corp., a joint venture of Dow Chemical and Coming Inc. Dow Corning was the largest maker of silicone breast implants until they were banned in 1992.

#### For the Record

Phillips Petroleum Co. announced that fourth-quarter net earnings were \$39 million, or 15 cents a share, compared with \$124 million, or 48 cents a share, for the year earlier. The company said an extended shutdown for scheduled maintenance at the company's Sweeny refinery,



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## Thyssen Plunges Into Loss But Company Sees Improvement This Year

ment in the current year.

ery concern reported a loss of 994 billion DM for the financial year, red, he said, as heavy losses in the million Deutsche marks (\$568.6 more than four times the year-earlistee) unit continued to dominate million Deutsche marks (\$568.6 more than four times the year-earlimillion) in the 1993 financial year, or level. which ended Sept. 30, and said it The finance director, Heinzthe company would was omitting its dividend. A year carlier it had made a profit of 350 steel operations, Thyssen had an However, Mr. Kriw million DM and paid a dividend of operating profit for the year of 744

Metallgesellschaft Keeps

To Forecast on Oil Losses

FRANKFURT --- Metallgesellschaft AG, the German metals and

manufacturing conglomerate, said Thursday that the unwinding of

its oil-futures positions was going better than expected. The company said it would be able to keep to its estimate of a 1.5 billion

The company has said it faces a loss of up to 1.5 billion DM (\$859 million) on top of a revised 1.8 billion DM loss for the business year

The company said the liquidation of oil futures positions in New York is continuing faster than planned. "This doesn't refer to the size

of the loss, but to rapidity and smoothness" of unwinding the

The new management, under Karl-Josef Neukirchen, informed

the supervisory board about the terms of a 3.4 billion DM rescue

package approved by more than 100 creditor banks earlier this month and the status of the oil-futures contracts.

Metalleesellschaft said Thursday that it had scheduled a press

Deutsche mark loss from the oil trades.

contracts, a company spokesman said.

FRANKFURT — Thyssen AG worst for the company in 40 years the group expects earnings in the Thyssen Stahl AG, the steelmaking 8.1 billion DM. The diversified steel and machin- unit, reported a net loss of 1.234

million DM. He did not give com-

on Thursday posted the worst annual results in its postwar history, loss at the steel division," the chief current level to be above year-earlined by the high current level t but said it expected an improve-executive, Heinz Kriwet, said. ended Dec. 31 rose 1.2 percent to

But the company still was in the results. He declined to say whether the company would post a profit However, Mr. Kriwet said, "We

have reasons for being optimistic in the medium term, not in the context of general economic expectations, but because of measures which we have taken and most of which are taking effect." Those measures include job cuts.

On Sept. 30, the company employed 136,975 people worldwide, down 7 percent from a year earlier. On Dec. 31, that figure had sunk to 133,862 people, down a further 2.3 (Bloomberg, AFP)

■ Usinor Loss Widens

The French steelmaker Usinor-Sacilor said its 1993 net loss grew to a record 5.8 billion francs (\$977 million) from 2.4 billion in 1992, wider than the company's November forecast of 5.0 billion francs, wire services reported from Paris. Sales fell to 75.4 billion francs

from 87 billion. The company also said that it was maintaining its forecast of a loss this year of 2 billion francs, based on unchanged demand.

Financial Director Robert Hudry said recovery was mainly expected to be achieved through higher steel prices and further cost-cutting. (AFX, Reuters)

## More Woes For German Automakers

The Associated Press BERLIN - German auto-

makers reported more bad news Thursday, with Audi saying it must slash workers' pay by 10 percent, BMW announcing a 7.5 percent sales drop last year, and the industry as a whole predicting stagnátion in 1994.

Battered by Germany's recession and weak export markets, the auto industry shed 70,000 workers to a total of 650,000 as production slumped 23 percent last year, said Achim Diekmann, head of the German Automobile Industry Association.

Sales in the sector fell 20 percent to 189 billion Deutsche marks (\$108 billion) in 1993, Mr. Diekmann said. Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Thursday that it made

a profit last year, although it did not say how much. It said ales in 1993 were 28.9 billion DM, down 7.5 percent from 1992, and production was

down 9.2 percent.
Audi AG's unprofitable parent, Volkswagen AG, won agreement from staff last year to go to a four-day week. Audi may now be on a similar road. Production at Audi dropped

30 percent last year, and the company needs to cut its wage costs by 10 percent, said a spokesman, Karl-Heinz Rumpf. He said talks had begun with a workers' group on cost-cutting.

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percent," he said, adding that "this

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havior, the bank governor said.

## Turkish Devaluation **Unsettles Markets**

ISTANBUL - Turkish stocks tumbled and money markets were unsettled on Thursday after Prime Minister Tansu Ciller effectively devalued the lira by almost 12 percent.

The central bank knocked 11.97 percent off the dollar value of the lira on Wednesday night after Ms. Ciller met for eight hours with her top economic officials to discuss the money crisis. The bank set its daily dollar rate at 17,250 lira, compared with 15,186 lira on Wednesday.

The lira ended on Thursday at about 17,650 to the dollar. The Turkish currency hit trouble

10 days ago when excess liquidity flowed into foreign currencies. Efforts by the central bank and treasury to staunch the flow by hoisting interest rates failed to calm markets alarmed by the downgrading of Turkey's credit rating by two U.S.

agencies.

Ms. Ciller's decision to devalue reversed assurances she made last week that people dashing for foreign currency would lose and investors in the lira would win.
Istanbul's 69-share index

plunged 8.6 percent in the first 90 minutes on Thursday. It ended 7.64 percent lower at 19,513.60, down 1,615.04 points from Wednesday and down about a third from its record high of 28,883.61, reached Jan. 13.

The central bank also said it would impose liquidity require-ments on the nondeposit liabilities of banks, including foreign currency debts and asset-backed securities. It raised its rediscount rate to 56 percent from 48 and abolished reserve requirements on deposits.

rule under which banks had to inform it two days in advance before changing deposit rates.

Big state banks responded swiftly by increasing their one-year lira deposit rates on Thursday to 88 percent from about 74. Brokers said they expected the market to stabilize after it had di-

gested the central bank measures to defend the lira. "The market was ready for a devaluation. There may be some psy-

chological falls but it will recover quickly," said Metin Dizdar, assistant general manager of Birikim Exporters, whose goods will be-

come more competitive abroad. were nonetheless concerned about the devaluation. "Although we accept that devaluation will constitute a driving factor for exports, we are concerned that cost inflation will create negative impacts in the short term," Okan Oguz, chairman of Turkey's exporters assembly, said.

#### Germans Cite Optimism on Russian Debt

FRANKFURT - Deutsche Bank AG said Thursday that Russia wanted a speedy resolution to its debt problems.

Deutsche Bank chairs a committee of banks owed money by Russia. The committee's chairman, Christian Vontz, held talks in Moscow on Wednesday with Russian officials, including Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin.

Deutsche Bank said there was a clear will on the Russian side to push debt negotiations forward. Talks will be resumed as soon as possible, the bank said.

The talks, aimed at rescheduling \$26 billion of bank debt owed by the former Soviet Union, have been held up because of legal problems. The banks want Russia to waive its sovereign immunity.

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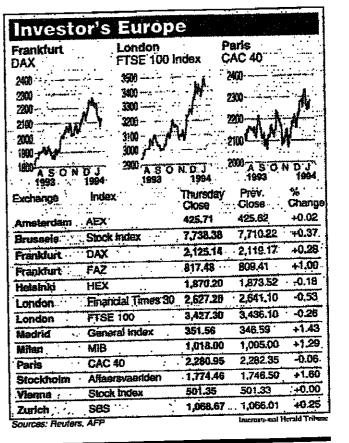
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 PolSat, a Polish company, beat a host of foreign media giants to win a license to create Poland's first private nationwide television channel.

 The European Independent Steelworks Association asked the European Union to safeguard supplies of scrap metal against unfair competition, citing Central and East European nations and Turkey.

• The Dutch economy expanded by a revised 0.8 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, more than the initial estimate of 0.5 percent. • Rank Organization PLC appointed Sir Denys Henderson a nonexecutive director, adding that it expects him to become chairman in 1995 when he retires as chief of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC. Burton Group PLC's stock plunged 13 percent, to 58.75 pence (87.8 U.S.

cents) a share, after Sir John Hoskyns, its chairman, said there had been no increase in Christmas and New Year sales over the previous year. ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. said it had formed a joint venture with the Russian turbine manufacturer Nevsky Zavod.

 The Czech Republic's second wave of asset sales will be delayed by a month due to administrative problems, the local press reported. The Ukrainian parliament adopted a privatization program for 1994 to

sell 20,000 small enterprises and 8,000 medium and big companies. Forges de Clabecq SA's shareholders agreed that the Belgian steelmaker would continue its activities.

 Iveco SpA, Fiat SpA's industrial vehicles unit, reached an agreement with unious under which some working hours will be reduced to save jobs. • German companies that lost money in the Gulf War trade embargo against Iraq have no claim to compensation from the government, the country's highest civil court ruled.

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## conference for Feb. 22, and analysts expect the company to describe its plans to sell various units in greater detail. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) Bank of France Sets a Long-Term Target for Money Growth

By Carl Gewirtz

of an imminent cut in French inter-est rates were dashed Thursday banks is usually done on an annual est rates were dashed Thursday when the newly independent Bank of France announced no change in as 4-to-6 percent now used by the its monetary policy.

The bank for some time has been in a situation where managing interest rates via the supply of money conflicted with stabilizing the value of the franc against the Deutsche

"Trying to manage both internal and external targets can be contradictory," a Paris banker observed,

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International Herald Tribune establishing a four-year objective PARIS — Market expectations for money supply growth of 5 per-

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"It's clear that the bank's newly formed Monetary Policy Council did not want to box itself in," said Bernard Godement at Nomura Securities. "It would have risked being dammed if it had set no target, and risked looking silly if it was

"If's clear that the council wants

Bank of France did innovate in gate — is not going to be a concash into longer term securities, will also "carefully monitor" — EU Bank Increases Loans will also "carefully monitor" — The Furnce on Investment Rank

straint on policy."

Christopher Potts at Banque Indosuez said that "the central bank has spelled out a long-term framework rather than a short-term operating principle."
The bank's problem is that its M-

3 measure of money supply last year badly missed the 4-to-6.5 percent target by shrinking 1.6 percent. Jean-Claude Trichet, government of the central bank, spelled in the unusual factors responsible for the potential of 2.5-to-3 percent and shortfall such as the superconnection. shortfall, such as the government's price inflation of no more than 2 privatization program and the huge percent. Balladur bond.

He said the bank "will continue growth potential will be used to monto analyze the factors affecting M-3 iter total domestic debt, which will be and the bank is saying that its. This clear that the countries with countries short-term priority remains for lots of flexibility in formulating cused on the currency."

In spelling out its 1994 aims, the or lack of it, in the monetary aggregrowth very closely" but, given the singled out as an extremely valuable

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The European Investment Bank, the financing arm of the European This measure, which includes Union, increased investment loans public and company debt, has the in 1993 by 15 percent and could do much more if sound projects were available, the bank said in Brussels on Thursday, Agence France-"The medium-term trend in M-3 Presse reported.

It lifted lending to 19.6 billion Ecu (\$21.56 billion), up from 17 billion Ecu in 1992. In 1993, it lent 17.7 billion Ecu for projects within the EU, and 1.9 billion Ecu outside.

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• Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co. will cut 500 jobs at its metal division and

close a lead smelter by June as part of a much larger restructuring

· Mitsubishi Corp. is opening a division to prepare for entry into the

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program; the division work force now totals 4,360.

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## 'Deadline Is 1997' For the Hard Yuan

HONG KONG - China may have little choice but to make its yuan currency freely convertible by the time it regains Hong Kong in 1997, the colony's de facto central

bank governor said Thursday.
With Hong Kong set to keep its exchange control-free regime after the handover, Beijing would be almost powerless to stop a free market in youn springing up in the territory, said Joseph Yam, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

Beijing abolished its official ex-

change rate on Jan. I in layor of a "managed float" based on rates at quasi-free market swap centers. Economists said full convertibility was still far off and only selected enterprises have access to the swap centers, which are carefully

regulated. But Mr. Yam said Beijing would be forced to allow a free market within the next three years unless it imposed internal exchange control barriers between Hong Kong and

the rest of the nation.

They don't really have much time," he said. "There is nothing to stop a market in renminbi being established in Hong Kong after 1997," he added, unless Beijing "restricts the flow of remains to

Hong Kong." Hong Kong will keep the Hong Kong dollar as its currency after it becomes a Special Administrative Region of China on July 1, 1997. But under Beijing's "one country, two systems" formula, it will also keep its free port character that allows free conversion and flow of forcign currencies.

"In a way this is the deadline for convertibility of the renminbi," Mr. Yam said.

this to Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji last year. Mr. Zhu, who is also governor of People's Bank of China, the central bank, had seemed surprised by the idea but had promised to study it, Mr. Yam said.

## ${\it Singapore Stocks \, Leave \, Forecasters \, at \, Odds}$

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

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SINGAPORE - After tembling 7.5 percent from an all-time high on Jan. 4. Singapore stocks are advancing again. However, fund managers and brokers offer sharply differing views on how the

market will perform in coming weeks.

Jardine Fleming Research Ltd. is telling potential investors in its latest survey of Singapore that the recent sell-off provides an excellent buying opportunity for selected bank, property, ship-repair and con-

sumer stocks.
"We believe the market's correction will be short-lived and that one benefit will be a reduction in speculative activity as punters lick their wounds." said Lim Hwee Hna, research manager in the company's

Singapore office.

She said that foreign institutions were expected to be net buyers of Singapore equities in 1994 because of the market's solid fundamentals, low downside risk, a strong Singapore currency and political stability.

However, Crosby Securities is telling its clients to strongly underweight Singapore.
The company says that while it ranks Singapore well ahead of other regional economies overall on a long-term basis, we do not feel that the undoubtedly good macro-fundamentals justify current valua-

Crosby asserts that both economic and carnings growth in Singapore are slowing. interest rates are rising and Singapore's stock market relative to others in the reclosed Thursday at 2,286.28, up 30.81

on Jan. 4 was just under 2,472.

Jardine Fleming predicts that the index will be testing new highs by the second quarter and that Singapore will be one of

gion is gradually becoming less attractive. well behind the Philippines, Hong Kong,
The Straits Times Industrial Index Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan. The plunge in the overheated Malaysian

points or 1.37 percent for the day. Its peak stock market this month dragged Singapore down as well because over half of Singapore's daily trading activity is in Ma-

A recent increase in prime lending rates the top performing Asian markets in 1994. of up to one-half of a percentage point by The index gained 59 percent in 1993, three of Singapore's four major local

## Kuala Lumpur Leads Asia Higher

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia's benchmark stock index soared 4.37 percent on Thursday as investors bid up shares after a fall triggered by central bank

measures to quell speculation. Other major Asian markets were higher, as well, except for the Tokyo Stock Ex-change. Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei index lost 1.29 percent to close at 18,891.79 points as domestic investors showed unwillingness to buy until Japan's political uncertainties were dispelled.

In Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea share prices all finished

sharply higher after recent losses.

The weighted price index of the Taiwan Stock Exchange soared 3 percent, to 6,022.39 points, on hopes that the government would soon lift its \$5 billion ceiling on stock investments by foreign financial

institutions, analysts said. The composite index of the Secul ex-

change, recently reined back by government market-cooling measures, galloped ahead 1.46 percent, to a four-year high of 907.44. Analysts said investors were bullish on blue chips because they stood to gain most in the economic expansion fore-

cast for the coming year.

In Kuala Lumpur, the stock exchange's Composite Index gained 44.93 points, to 1,074.24.

Moves in the last couple of weeks by Bank Negara, the central bank, to discour-age speculation in the ringgit by foreign investors have contributed to the Kuala Lumpur market's sharp fall.

The rebound Thursday was assisted by comments from Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who told the state news agency Bernama: "If you look at Malaysian companies you will find that they are doing very well. In fact, some of them are doing better than some of the giant companies in the rest (Bloomberg, Reuters)

banks ended a two-year downward trend in interest rates, unnerving some investors. While such increases had been anticipated, they will nevertheless dampen market sentiment short term," said Sim Chev Hoon, a senior analyst at Peregrine Securi-

ties Singapore Pte. There is also nervousness about plans by the government to increase compulsory retirement savings for all residents.

The release of the annual budget next month and the introduction of a 3 percent tax on goods and services in April is also causing some unease. The tax is expected to result in a one-time increase in the inflation rate of between 1 and 2 percent. John Engle, research director at Smith Barney Shearson HG Asia (Singapore) Pte., said that while the fall in stock prices over the past few weeks had caused a heavy shakeout of retail investors, most institutional investors were "sitting tight."

He said that earnings of publicly traded companies in Singapore were likely to in-crease by just over 15 percent in 1994 and by 16 percent in 1995. That compares with 12.5 percent last year.

"Although the current phase of consolidation could last for a few months, we are quite bullish on the outlook for the Singapore market in the the latter part of the year," Mr. Engle said.

The U.S. Embassy, in a report on the

Singapore economy, said that the gross domestic product was likely to expand by between 7 and 8 percent in 1994 after adjustment for inflation of just under 4

## Foreign Investors Salivate at Samsung Heavy Listing

SEOUL - Samsong Heavy Industries Co. will list on the Seoul stock market on Friday, helping

meet some of the growing foreign demand for hard-to-get South Ko-rean blue chips, analysts said. Samsung Heavy, the shipbuilding and heavy machinery affiliate of the Samsung Group, launched an offer of 15 million new shares on Dec. 17-Mr. Yam said he had mentioned 18, taking the company's total out-is to Deputy Prime Minister Zhu standing shares to 49 million and enlarging the paid-in capital to 245 billion won (\$302 million).

"SHI will be listed on the market on Jan. 28 and foreign investors can buy up to 10 percent of total

Heavy listing will prompt a fresh influx of money from overseas investors who have been watching the market's buil run from the sidelines and are frustrated by a 10 percent limit on foreign investment in any one stock on the Seoul exchange.

I expect strong interest, espe-cially from foreign investors as they are keen on acquiring shares in the Seoul bourse," said John Wadle of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities. The subscription price for the initial public offer was 10,000 won per share, making a prospective 1994

outstanding shares," a Korea Stock price-earnings multiple of five times. Keith Nam, representative of largest electronic Exchange official said.

Many believe Samsung Heavy H.G. Asia, said he expected few Electronics Co.

Analysts said the Samsung will start trading at around 30,000 subscribers to Samsung Heavy Shares available.

name value attached to being a
Samsung Group affiliate, "said David Kim of Schroders Securities.

Hyon, general manager of Lucky
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Upon Samsung Heavy's listing.

won, given the frantic demand shares would be willing to part with will therefore amount to about only from domestic and foreign investment until the price reached the 50 percent of the total, as the old tors for fundamentally attractive 40,000-won level. He added that valuations justify a short-term

"The company is the only play on the booming shipbuilding industry available to foreign investors at the moment. There is also a sive blue chips," said Chey long

supervision after years of losses. percent is held by South Korea's share of 1,985 won.

Keith Nam, representative of largest electronics maker, Samsung

Shares available in the market will therefore amount to about only liquidate their holdings.

Samsung Heavy forecasts calenbillion won from an estimated 86.8 billion won in 1993. That would imply a forecast of earnings per share of 2,092 won.

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official said Thorsday.

Artisto Swell is planning to make \$315 million by selling 15.75 million shares at \$20 a share, the official said.

Officials of Armoo Inc. said the officing would result in the U.S. company's exit from the venture. According to news reports, Kawasaki Steel plans to buy Armoo Inc.'s 50 percent stake in the joint venture and subsequently reduce its own stake to 23

sion contributions, the Kawasaki official said Armoo Steel, which produces flat-rolled carbon steel at plants in Middletown, Ohio, and Ashland, Kentucky, had an operating loss of \$419.9 million

in 1992. In 1992, Armoo Inc. reported an equity loss of \$234.1 million from the venture. A year earlier, its equity loss was \$119 million.

#### Philippine Executive Still Seeking Philseco

MANILA — A Philippine businessman, John Gokongwei, asked the Securities and Exchange Commission Thursday to block share sales by two units of Singapore's Keppel Corp. The companies, which are planning to raise 800 million pesos (\$29 million), along with Ka-wasaki Heavy Industries Ltd., are seeking a stake in Philippine Ship-

yard & Engineering Corp. Mr. Gokongwer's JG Summit was part of a consortium bidding for Philseco last year, but lost the deal when Kawasaki exercised its option to top his 2.03 billion peso bid.

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## **SPORTS**

## Speed Makes the Difference in the Cowboys' Miserly Defensive Unit

By Richard Justice

Washington Post Service ATLANTA - As reporters smothered quarterback Troy Aikman and running back Emmitt Smith, as they swarmed around wide receiver Michael Irvin and quizzed the offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, it was easy to think -of the Dallas Cowboys as a team built solely around a great scoring machine.

"Our offense sells tickets," Smith said with a smile. "Our defense wins championships." He may be exaggerating a bit, but his point is accurate. The Cowboys have one of the best quarterbacks in the National Football League

big plays than Irvin. Yet when you ask the Buffalo Bills, and the teams that have been flattened by the defending deep and talented defensive unit they keep talking about. It's a defensive line that rotates

and perhaps the best running back. No wide receiver, except maybe Jerry Rice, makes more

the third and fourth quarters. It's smallish linebackers that are fast enough to cover running backs and tough enough to take on tight ends.

It's two outstanding coverage cornerbacks.

When the Cowboys ripped the Bills, 52-17, in last January, Aikman and Irvin had big days. And the defense forced nine turnovers. That defense was the No. 1-ranked unit in the NFL in 1992, and this season it is one of the reasons the Cowboys are 10-point favorites to become the sixth team to win consecutive Super Bowls. But it is easy to argue that defense isn't what

"It's been a lot harder this year," defensive tackle Russell Maryland said. "People have been real critical of us. They say we're not the same, we don't have the same desire, that kind of thing. I know we have the same character and talent and that's what counts. That's what got us here. Say what you want about Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin — they're great players — but when it comes down to it, defense is just as important."

In a season in which they found out why it is so difficult to win back-to-back championships, the Cowboys fell from first to 10th in total defense. Defensive end Charles Haley, perhaps their single most unstoppable player, has be slowed by muscle spasms all season and will probably play only in spot situations, mainly on sing downs, on Sunday. Maryland, their best lineman against the run, is playing on a

severely sprained ankle. Still, if teams believe it is easier to score on the Cowboys this season, it is actually harder. Despite the injuries and the slip in rankings, the Cowboys still allowed six fewer touchdowns. The 21 touchdowns were the fewest ever allowed by a Dallas team, and only one other NFL team — the New York Giants, with 20 —

was harder to score against.
The defense allowed one touchdown or none in 12 of 16 games, and after a season-opening loss to the Washington Redskins, it gave up 16 in the final 15 regular season games. After that opening loss, the Dallas defense allowed 11.9 the credit for that success, since the Cowboys hog the ball for 31 minutes a game and keep their defensive players fresh. And since they score so often, opponents often find themselves playing catch-up, which allows the Dallas defense to gamble more.

"The best thing we have going for us is a bunch of defensive linemen who do different things," Maryland said. "An offense can't get into any kind of rhythm with the things they're trying to do. If I'm in there a while, then Leon Lett comes in, it's a completely different style. An offensive lineman has to wonder: 'Who's coming at me next?"

"Do I like coming out at times? Well, put it this way: I like going to the Super Bowl, and I've been to two in a row."

It is not a classically designed strategy. As a 195-pound defensive end at the University of Arkansas, the Cowboy coach, Jimmy Johnson, learned that speed can be as effective as strength in some cases. He took the same phi-

losophy into his coaching career during college stops at Pittsburgh, Iowa State, Oklahoma and, as a head coach, at Oklahoma State, Speed was the signature skill of all his University of Mizmi teams, and when he came to the NFL, he saw no reason to change.

"I've always believed in speed," Johnson said. "Our philosophy has always been to attack the line of scrimmage. This worked well with the dominant players we had at Oldahoma and at Pittsburgh. Then at Oklahoma State, when we didn't have as talented a group, we found we had to play a more aggressive style."

The Cowboys' outside linebackers, Dixon Edwards and Darrin Smith, are small by NFL standards, and Haley and Maryland are both undersized at their position. So is defensive end Tony Tolbert, who had 7½ sacks. Defensive end Jim Jeffcoat, one of the leftovers from the Tom Landry era, had six.

"It's the wave of the future," Maryland said. "A lot of teams have been trying to do it since we had some success."

Jufand Sinch The Cowboys might have guessed this would be a tougher year when their popular defensive coordinator, Dave Wannstedt, became coach of Reeze Into Fin the Chicago Bears a few days after last year's Super Bowl

Still, the Dallas defense is coming off two big-time playoff efforts against the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers. Neither team ran much against the Cowboys and the Dallas comerbacks — Kevin Smith and Larry Brown — allowed virtually nothing to some first-rate wide receivers, including Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe and San Francisco's Rice.

"One thing we try to do is take the wide receivers out of the game," Kevin Smith said. "If you do that, your front seven can be more aggressive. The linebackers can be so much more aggressive against the running game and the quick passing game."

"We don't get the recognition of some other defenses," he said, "but we're in the Super Bowl for a second straight year. That speaks for itself."

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## Can Thomas Run Past Dallas? Only Behind the Bills' Front 5

it used to be.

By Timothy W. Smith

ATLANTA -- It took about three seconds for Thurman Thomas to surmise just what, against the Dallas Cowboys this Sunday, it would take for him to duplicate last week's 186-yard, three-touchdown game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's not up to me," he said. "It's up to my offensive line." And with that Thomas, a multiple threat as a quick, shifty runner and sure-handed receiver out of the backfield, deftly sidestepped a thorny question and loaded a boulder the size of Mount Rushmore on

the shoulders of his front five

blockers for the Super Bowl But the way that they have played through the playoffs, they might be able to carry the burden and help Thomas do something that he has nnot done since the Bills' first Super Bowl: rush for more than 100 yards.

Thomas had 135 yards on 15 carries against the New York Gi-ants in Super Bowl XXV. The next

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against the Redskins. And last year, in the 52-17 loss to the Cowboys. Thomas got 19 yards on 11 carries. But the Bills fell behind so

quickly and turned over the ball so often that Thomas was rendered virtually useless. The Bills do not want that to

happen again. This is not the same group that played in last year's Super Bowl. The biggest difference is that Will Wolford, the Pro Bowl left tackle, signed with the Indianapolis Colts as an unrestricted free agent. So, now they go John Fina at left tackle, Glenn Parker at left guard, Kent Hull at center, John Davis at right guard and Howard Ballard at right tackle. Parker has replaced Jim Ritcher, who started last year's Super Bowl at left guard.

Parker was asked to characterize the offensive line.

"Well, if you had to pick a word, 'big eaters,'" he said.

Maybe that is why, in lieu of the Rolex watches that running back Emmitt Smith gave his Cowboy of-

DEPENSE

to go in a different direction to reward his blockers.

"He gave us a roast," said right tackle Howard Ballard. Like a Yankee pot roast?
"No, a roast," Ballard said.

"Like with people that get together to tell jokes about you. Earlier this season, the offensive

line did not have the Buffalo offensive line coaches rolling in the aisles. First, they had to replace Wolford. They chose Fina, a firstround draft pick in 1992. "I was a little skeptical about

losing Wolford," Hull said. "In our offense, the left tackle is probably the toughest job. We throw a lot. You're blocking the best pass rusher, week in and week out. My hat's off to John Fina. He's done a heck of a job. He was a center last year. That's a big step going from center to left tackle.

"He faced some of the best pass rushers in training camp. He passed every test. Derrick Thomas, Pat Swilling, Chris Doleman. Those are Pro Bowl players. He passed the test on all those. I wasn't worried one bit when the season

But then the Bills had some injuries and Parker played both tackle and guard. He was not comfortable because of all the shuffling, and in the last five games of the season the team put him at left guard. Hull said the group has got better since it had become more stable.

The five are definitely coming off their finest performance of the season. The Chiefs used a defense passing attack. So the Bills' coaches changed the blocking scheme to take advantage of the fact that Kansas City had just one linebacker on the field. One result was 186 yards rushing for Thomas.

"Last week we ran a lot on the corners," Hull said. "We got on our primaries pretty good. I don't know if you can be successful doing that against the Cowboys. Their team speed is incredible. They run well. That makes it awfully hard to do those types of things."

Thomas agrees with Hull, but hopes the offensive line has another good game in the storehouse.

DON'T LET IT



Thurman Thomas was strained to get 19 yards on 11 carries against the Cowboys last January.

"Dallas has a great front, like there to keep them off balance with Kansas City," Thomas said. "I the run and the pass." think Dallas's front four is a little bit more active and aggressive than the Kansas City front four. The yards might be a little tougher, bur hopefully the offensive linemen and center Kent Hull can make all the right calls and have some lanes

opened up for me.

"I don't think we'll be able to accomplish what we accomplished last week. But hopefully we can get

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Georgia Sticks by Flag

Despite plans for a protest by church and civil-rights leaders at the Super Bowl, Governor Zell Miller said the state flag of Georgia would fly over the Georgia Dome on Sunday, The Washington Post

The state flag has been a source of contention for years in Georgia. Confederate battle emblem.

NFL's commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, in December requesting that it not be flown during the Super Bowl. The NFL has declined to get

involved, claiming it is a local mat-

Black legislators in the state House of Representatives and Senate have introduced legislation this year to change the flag because a portion of it contains what they consider to be a racist symbol, the

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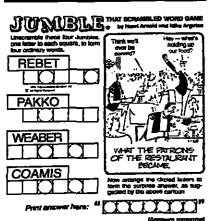
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# **SPORTS**

# Harding Admits Knowing, Afterward, of Attack on Kerrigan

# Graf and Sánchez Breeze Into Final

MELBOURNE, Australia — It took just 126 minutes.

Steffi Graf and Arantia Sánchez Vicario turned in predictable semifinal victories Thursday at the Australian Open to set up a final between the world's top-ranked women tennis players. The top-seeded Graf took a frac-

tion over an hour to rout Kimiko Date, 6-3, 6-3, and gain her fifth Australian Open singles final. Sánchez Vicario, the No. 2 seed then took 65 minutes to crush fourth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, 6-

Three-time champion Graf won the first nine points against a clearly nervous Date and never relinquished her grip on the match.

She used her crushing topspin forehand to move the 10th-seeded

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Date around the court and the 23year-old Japanese never was able to establish a rhythm in her first Grand Slam semifinal Graf, 24, advanced to her 22d

Grand Slam final, having lost an average of only three games per match here. The German won the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, but hasn't won the Australian Open since 1990. Monica Seles, still recovering after being stabbed in the shoulder

by a spectator in Hamburg last April, took the women's title the "Stelfi attacked and played with great pace," Date said. "I did not

play to even 50 percent of my capa-bility." Date, the first Japanese in 21 years to contest a Grand Slam sin-

WONTEM'S SINGLES SEALFINALS Steff Graf (1), Germany, del Kimiko Date (18), Japan, 6-3, 6-3; Arantxo Sanctez Vicarlo

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Todd Woodbridge, Australia, and Helena akovo, Czech Republic (1), del Emilio Son

gles semifinal, made 23 errors and points with her moderate service. Her forehand was particularly erratic and she never approached the form she displayed in defeating the No. 3 seeded Conchita Marti-

nez in the quarterfinals.
But Graf, now 3-0 against Date, was not happy with her game. "With short points, not very long rallies, I never got into the rhythm I wanted," she said. "The points were a lot shorter than when we played the other two times."

Graf hurt her right thumb in the final game. She said she jammed it against her knee while playing a shor, but was not experiencing any pain after the match Sánchez Vicario was equally as

dominant against Sabatini, who rarely advanced to the net and made 30 unforced errors. "It is a great feeling," said the Spaniard. "After losing three times in the semifinals here, I finally

Sanchez Vicario said her willing-ness to take the initiative gave her the edge over a strangely reluctant Sabatini, who said she still felt weak because of a virus earlier in

the tournament. "I knew I had to be aggressive," Sanchez Vicario said. "She hits the ball short and I took my chances. I always had control and felt very comfortable."

The final indignity for Sabatini came late in the march, when she turned her back to the net after hitting a ball long.
Sanchez Vicario, not sure the

ball was going to be out, reached for it and lifted a sky-high lob that floated softly down onto the back of the frustrated Sabatini. T have to say it was not good

ennis at all," Sánchez Vicario said. I think it was disappointing. She has lost to Graf in 21 of their 26 previous meetings, but said, "I'm not afraid. I'm going to play my own game and she's the one under pressure.

not a machine. If I play 100 percent and take my chances I can beat her. I have nothing to lose."

The men's semifinals are scheduled for Friday. 🛒



GUESS WHO LOST — Kimiko Date, left, lasted just 60 minutes against Steffi Graf; Gabriela Sabatini managed five minutes more.



## No. 2 Duke Just Eludes an Irish Upset

Marty Clark made the most out

of a miss for No. 2 Duke. He tipped in Grant Hill's shot with three seconds left to play Wednesday night and Duke escaped an upset by Notre Dame, 74-72.

"I just decided to crash the boards from the wing and get to a spot where I thought it might come," Clark said. "It came right to

The Blue Devils (14-1) won for the 87th straight time at home against a non-Atlantic Coast Conference opponent. Notre Dame (5-12), which led by 12 points late in the first half, threw away the ball with 14 seconds left, leading to Clark's tiebreaking basket.
"It seems like it's all for naught

when you lose by two points," said Monty Williams, who got 34 points for the Irish. "It says something "She's beatable. She's human, about Duke, but it also says a lot about the character on our team." Joe Ross tipped in a miss by Williams with 2:26 left, giving No-tre Dame a 72-69 lead. But Cherokee Parks made two foul shots and

Chris Collins sank one, tying it at 72 with 37 seconds to go. Notre Dame tried to set up for

the final shot, but Lamarr Justice's pass glanced off Ryan Hoover's hands.

The Irish got the ball twice after Clark's go-shead basket. First, they threw away an inbounds pass. COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Then, after Automio Lang missed two foul shots for Duke with two seconds left. Williams took a long

shot just after the buzzer. No. 3 Kansas 62, Oklahoma State 61: Steve Woodberry sank a 3-point shot with 1.5 seconds left in wertime and the Jayhawks 18-2, 3-Big Eight) beat the Cowboys (13-6. 2-2) for the 30th time in 32 games

Greg Ostertag tied a Kansas record with eight blocked shots and got 11 rebounds and nine points. Brooks Thompson scored 23 for the Cowboys.
No. 4 North Carolina 90, Florida

No. 18 Maryland 73, Clemson 53: Duane Simpkins scored 18 points as Maryland (12-3, 5-1) State 77: Derrick Phelps had 22 matched its victory total for all of

Minnesota (13-5, 4-2).

Southeastern Conference) won its

32d straight game at Rupp Arena.

Jamie Watson scored 21 points for

No. 11 Indiana 78, No. 17 Minne-sota 66: Damon Bailey set a school

South Carolina (5-10, 2-4).

points and Dante Calabria 20 as the Tar Heels (16-3, 4-2 ACC) ACC lead. Clemson is 10-8, 1-5. No. 19 West Virginia 87, Du-quesne 67: Marsalis Basey got 27 points as West Virginia (13-2, 6-1 scored the game's first 12 points and won at Florida State (8-7, 1-6). No. 9 Kentucky 79, South Carolina 67: Jeff Brassow scored 25 Atlantic 10) beat Duquesne (9-6, 3points and Jared Prickett had 17 3) for the 15th straight time on the rebounds as Kentucky (15-3, 5-2

Mountaineers' home court. No. 20 Alabama-Birmingham 62, DePaul 59: Carter Long scored 21 points and Alabama-Birmingham (15-2, 3-1 Great Midwest) held off visiting DePaul (12-4, 2-3) when Tom Kleinschmidt missed a 3point shot at the buzzer.

record for career 3-point shots and Indiana (12-3, 5-1), playing at home, took over the conference North Carolina State 84, No. 21 Georgia Tech 78: Guards Lakista McCuller and Curtis Marshall each scored 19 points as the Wolfpack Bailey made four 3-pointers for a total of 149, one more than the mark set last year by Calbert Cheaney. Bailey finished with 19 (6-10, 2-4 ACC) surprised the visiting Bulldogs (11-6, 2-4), who got 28 points and 13 rebounds from James points and Alan Henderson had 20.

Randy Carter scored 18 points for No. 23 St. Louis 76, No. 22 Marquette 66: Erwin Claggett scored 23 from the U.S. Olympic team compoints as St. Louis (15-1, 3-1) peting at the Games in Lillehamavenged its only loss of the season. Marquette (11-5, 4-1) had won on

## But U.S. Skating Champion Denies Helping Plan Assault

figure skating champion Tonya Harding said Thursday that she knew details of the attack on Nancy Kerrigan after it happened, but denied planning to injure her rival and said she wanted to remain on

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the U.S Olympic team. Wearing a jacket issued mem-bers of the U.S. team at the 1991 World Championships, Harding said she was "embarrassed and ashamed that anyone close to me could be involved but said she had

'no prior knowledge of the attack." l am responsible, however, for failing to report things I learned about the assault when I returned from nationals," she said, reading from a statement.

It was at the U.S. National Figure Skating Championship in Detroit that Kerrigan was hit above her right knee with a metal baton on Jan. 6. The injury forced her out of the competition, which was won by Harding. Kerrigan was later given a spot on the team.

"Many of you will be unable to forgive me for that," Harding said of her failure to inform authorities of what she knew about the attack. "It will be difficult for me to forgive myself."

She gave no indication of what information she withheld. She said her first reaction upon returning home was "disbelief, followed by shock and fear."

Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly; her onetime body guard, Shawn E. Eckardi; Shane M. Siant, who authorities say struck Kerrigan and Derrick B. Smith, who authorities say has confessed to driving Stant away after the attack. have been charged with conspiracy to commit assault, a felony in Oregon. Under sentencing guidelines. the crime carries a penalty of three years in jail if the judge determines, as Donald H. Londer of the circuit

Even if Harding is charged, her attorney has indicated, she will fight any attempt to remove her from the U.S. Olympic team com-

court for Multnomah County has

in this case, that the crime reflects

'aggravated circumstances."

Norway, next month. "I still want to represent my country in Lillehammer next Gillooly.

PORTLAND. Oregon — U.S. spite my mistakes and rough edges, I have done nothing to violate the standards of excellence and sportmanship that are expected of an Olympic athlete."

She said she had told authorities what she knows about the attack and "although my lawyers tell me that my failure to immediately report this information is not a crime, I know I have let you down, but I have also let myself down."

She made repeated references to Kerrigan and expressed saddness over her injury.
"Nancy Kerrigan and I can show

the world two different types of figure skating, Harding said. "I look forward to being on the team with her.' She continued her training with a

brief, half-hour skate during which she took a fall that left her holding her back in pain. Gillooly returned to the FBI of-

fice for what his attorney. Ronald H. Hoevet, said would be another five or six hours of questioning. With Hoevet, Gillooly went into FBI headquarters through a back

door at 2 P.M. Wednesday and emerged at 7:40 P.M. A source familiar with the case said Gillooly was trying to "cut a deal." while NBC News reported

that Gillooly was trying to work out an arrangement in which he would plead guilty and get an 18month sentence. Hoever, who earlier had consistently denied he was negotiating a plea bargain with authorities, said

only "no comment" Wednesday afternoon when asked whether a plea bargain was in the works. The Multnomah County prosecutor. Norm Frink, would not comment Thursday on whether au-

thorities were any closer to arresting Harding. Harding and Gillooly had maintained they were innocent of any wrongdoing. Though they were di-

vorced last August, they had reconciled and were living together until last week, when Harding announced she was leaving him. Harding was "shocked and very hurt" when she saw news reports that Gillooly was willing to testify

against her, said Stephanie Quintero, a close friend who harbored Harding after she moved out on

The Stars

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FIFA Still Irked by French Inaction

ZURICH (Reuters) — FIFA's general secretary, Sepp Blatter, said Thursday he would meet the French Football Federation's interim president, Jacques Georges, in Colmar, France, on Friday and tell him a immetable had to be set for the Marseille bribery matter to be resolved. ■ The new manager of England's team is to be announced Friday — it is expected to be Terry Venables — because senior officials were attending the funeral of Manchester United's former manager, Sir Matt

Busby, on Thursday.

• Wolfgang Niersbach, spokesman for the German federation, said it was prepared to switch the friendly against England from April 20 to April 19 "if the security experts say we should do it."

(Reuters)

Yacht Jury Drops Winston to 3d

SOUTHAMPTON, England (Reuters) — The U.S. yacht Winston was dropped Thursday from second place to third in both the second leg and overall standings of the Whitbread race by the International Jury.

It cut four hours off the compensation time granted Winston for taking part in the rescue of the Italian yacht Brooksfield during leg two. Whitbread 60 rival Galicia 93, Intrum Justitia, and Yamaha claimed the Jury made a significant error in its original decision in Fremantle.

**Jordan Improves Baseball Chances** 

year contract with San Diego for \$3,005,000, a raise of \$955,000.

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan took batting practice with the Chicago White Sox general manager, Ron Schueler, and seemed to improve his chances of earning an invitation to spring training.
"I think he'd have to fall on his face not to do it, but I'm not ready to say for sure just yet," Schueler told the Chicago Tribune. "I would say we'll have a decision within 10 days — by next week."

Pright-hander Andy Benes avoided arbitration by agreeing to a one-

For the Record

Ernie Els of South Africa tied the European Tour record with 12 birdies and broke the course record by three strokes by shoot 61 in the Dubai Desert Classic. He had a five-shot lead over Jon Lomas and Mark Roe of

Chantily race track was spared closure when the council that oversees French horse racing voted to keep the 160-year-old facility open while closing the track at Maisons-Laffite, west of Paris.

(AP)

Pierre Targeon, the All-Star center of the New York Islanders had his right checkbone broken by a puck during pregame warmups; he probably will require surgery. (AP)

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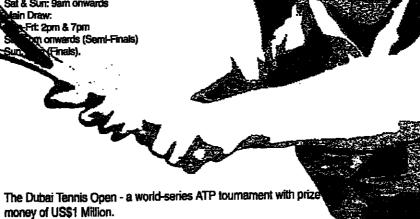


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#### **OBSERVER**

## The PC Length Problem

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Steven Jobs. onetime boy computer genius, was telling a radio reporter the other evening that when he started out

he never feared his business might fail because the old crocks of the world would refuse to adapt to the personal computer. Experience showed that children loved the things, and history. Jobs said, taught that sooner or later old crocks always died.

in short, he was in a business with a future. I sensed this too when personal computers first began burping and beeping all over the landscape. Though I hadn't yet heard of Steven Jobs, it was obvious that these machines would have to be faced unless I wanted to become an old crock and pass away.

I have decided not to do that. Pass away, that is. Naturally then, within days of first seeing youngsters playl acquired a personal computer.

Learning to use it didn't take nearly as much time and work as the average guy with a tin ear would need to learn the piano well enough to give a passable perfor-mance of Beethoven's "Appassionata" at an American Legion hall.

Once mastered, the personal computer turns out to be a very good invention. It is not only the best typewriter ever made, it is also a terrific dictationist, ringing up faraway telephones and reading them what I write, thus saving me a trip to the post office.

People who make the things, however, still decline to eliminate their many unpleasant defects and nasty features. Mine, for example, seems to have an embarrassing case of dandruff. By picking up the key-board, turning it upside down and banging it lightly on the table a few times, I can always collect a little pile of fine, white flaky material.

Whether this comes from the keyboard or from me is hard to say, and I prefer not to know. Much as I dislike the thought that minute fragments of me may be disappear-ing into the keyboard at a fairly steady rate, it's even more unpleasant to find yourself harboring a

machine with dandruff. Typewriters in the old-crock era never presented this problem because their keyboards didn't have

Europe

scalp, flaking fingertips, hangnails, fingernail dirt, beach sand, sweater

er keyboard fell right on through and was never thought of again. Even worse than the nasty detritus in the computer keyboard is the furry mess inside the main box, whatever they call it. I once had a professional come because my machine was in utter collapse. He opened the box and pulled out a lot of essential-looking hardware that was encased in tightly woven and revolting layers of hairy matter sucked out of the air over the years.

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"You have to clean it out once in a while," he scolded, producing a minute vacuum cleaner. Sure you do, but when you get the screwdriver to open the thing up, what do you see? A warning that fooling around inside this box may be fatal.

It's bad enough dying because you've become an old crock. It would be humiliating to die of trying to avoid being an old crock.

If computers were half as miraculous as people like Jobs think they are, they'd come with interior selfcleaning systems that took that garbage out of there with the push of a button. If something as primitive as a cookstove can clean itself, why does something as futuristic as a computer make you risk death to get the lint out?

Now here's another terrible defect, and I don't mean the way they position the screen way up in the air miles from the keyboard so you have to keep bending your neck until you get a splitting headache.

The graver flaw, however, is that it doesn't make writing painful enough. Using the typewriter, you also had to use scissors, paste, staples and pencils whenever you changed your mind. It was hard work. People thought twice before writing 500-page books.

The computer makes writing so easy that nobody has to think at all before knocking off a 500-pager. Result: The typical 500-pager nowadays reads as though nobody had thought at all. My suggestion: a new system warning writers that they have reached the 300-page mark and that going over 330 will produce a death-dealing electronic assault. Perfection still awaits, Mr. Jobs.

New York Times Service

## 'Philadelphia': The Real Story Continues

By Laura Blumenfeld

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — By the time of the trial, his edges Were so sharp he had to sit on a pillow. He was 6-feet-4, 100 pounds (1.93 meters, 45 kilograms), skin draped on bone, his neck floating in a white collar. He was suing the law firm that had dumped him when his supervisor learned he had AIDS. "I actually begged him," the dying attorney told the judge. But his supervisor "got up, said he was sorry and left."

As the man testified, his eyes rested on his mother. It was hard for her to look back, and when her son's lips

began to shake, she had to leave the room.

The case unfolded in Philadelphia in 1990 in a court-room, not a movie set. It was one of the lawsuits studied by the makers of "Philadelphia." Like the film's Tom Hanks character, Clarence Cain, 37, was a funny, bright, successful lawyer who won a discrimination case against his employers before he lost to the disease.

But the Cain plot has an extra twist. Cain had worked in

Philadelphia for one of the multistate chain of Hyatt Legal Services offices. The head of that chain, Joel Hyatt, is now running for the Senate. He is the Democratic favorite for the Ohio seat being vacated by his father-in-law, Howard Metzenbaum. The release of "Philadelphia" just as the Ohio primary races are building momentum has dropped sand into the Hyatt campaign machinery. Political rivals have been highlighting the parallels between the stories.

"The movie is fiction." Joel Hyatt says. And this is true. In the Hollywood tale, the law firm's chief, played by Jason Robards, is anti-homosexual and unrepentant. The real-life story is more nuanced and more intriguing. Yes, Hyatt approved of Cain's dismissal. But Hyatt has since apologized and says he has grown from the experience. Cam spent his final months in poverty, back home in Newport News, Virginia, with his mother, a retired bus driver. Of 10 children, Cain was the only one to attend college. He had helped support them all. Suddenly his siblings were sending him beans and canned corn. They all pitched in to buy him a television. Because of Hyatt's role

in this sad ending. Hyatt, too, has become vulnerable.

During the filming. Richard Silverberg passed the movie vans parked outside City Hall every day and thought about his former client. Clarence Cain. He never spoke to anyone. He never saw Denzel Washington, who portrayed the attorney representing the AIDS-stricken man. If Silverberg had, he would have offered Washington a tip based on his own experience: "Do everything you can to

be sensitive. Your client's life is over. He tells the story, how he befriended Cain when they were both working at Hyatt. Cain arrived in 1986, a University of Virginia law school graduate, recruited for the firm's fast-track program. He managed the Falls Church, Virginia, office and was quickly promoted to regional partner, in charge of the Philadelphia area — 10 offices and 75 employees. Just before he got sick, they gave him a raise. With a \$44,000 salary. Cain was one of Hyatt's

highest-paid regional partners.
Then one day in July 1987, Cain didn't show up for work. And then another day passed, and another. He was in the hospital with pneumonia. His first week there, he kept his briefcase at his bedside and took business calls with an arm gouged by an IV needle. Then he informed his supervisor of his long-term diagnosis.

'Clarence's superiors just couldn't cope with the concept of his sexual orientation," says Bruce Bikin, a lawyer who once worked with Cain at Hyatt's firm in Philadel-



Clarence Cain (right) with his lawyer, Richard Silverberg. Inset, Tom Hanks in the film. "Philadelphia."

phia. "And AIDS — oh my God, they thought — how is

this going to reflect on Hyatt?"
Then, as U. S. District Judge Raymond Broderick wrote in his opinion, "within days of learning Cain had AIDS, the defendants switched this young lawyer onto another fast track — one calculated to remove him."

Silverberg left the Hyatt firm protesting the treatment of Cain. During the two years he represented him while working at other firms, Silverberg exasperated his bosses, who called Silverberg "obsessed." During one job interview, a partner peered over his desk and asked, "Just what kind of friends were you?" He lost three jobs.

Silverberg ended up working at home on his sister's computer and sneaking into an old employer's office after hours to use the copier. He was 33 at the time, a year out of law school, had never handled an employment discrimination case or any other major case, and was up against a team from a 243-lawyer firm. Even his father chided:

"Don't be a martyr." Ohio reporters covering Hyant's Senate race have phoned him recently. Silverberg happily delivered the 41-page rebuke Judge Broderick wrote when Silverberg and Cam won, The court awarded \$107,888 in damages and an additional \$50,000 in punitive damages.

Joel Hyatt's voice is even, not calm, but perfectly balanced, like a wheel on a wire — the slightest push and it's off. "We made a big mistake," he says. "People understand that I made a mistake." And again: "The manner in which we responded to Clarence's illness was inappropriate. I tried to make it right, but it was too late."

In his deposition, Hyant acknowledged that he supported the decision to remove Cain. The firm had at the time offered Cain, instead, an entry-level job in Virginia at half pay, and later, in an attempt to settle, an administrative post in Kansas City. Cain refused both. During the trial, Cain's former employers painted him as mept and uncooperative. Today, Hyatt says of Cain: "He was an ambitious, talented person trying to succeed. We identified that and put him on specially designed fast track."

Today, the voice of Hyatt is unqualified regret. There's a plea in it. Don't threaten all I've built: At 27. Hyatt — together with his wife, a college fraternity brother and a guy he met the first day of law school - revolutionized the practice of law with storefront offices and standardized fees. They beamed television commercials nationwide, starring the eager-eyed Hyart himself. They created the country's largest private law firm, the McDonald's of legal practice with more than 2 million clients served.

All this, while Hyatt waited for his Senate seat. People say he's been running since he left diapers. For a decade he'd been talking about making a bid when his father-inlaw stepped down. And for two and a half years, he has

been traveling around Ohio, raising money and his profile.

And now "Philadelphia" is being, used by foes to embarrass him. "Not out of concern for Clarence Cain or the AIDS issue," Hyatt says. The even voice teeters: "It's an upfront desire - can we destroy Joel Hyatt?" John Nolan, a friend of Hyatt's who runs the AIDS

Commission of Greater Cleveland, is one of several AIDS activists sympathetic to Hyatt. "It's easy and unfair to judge 87 activities by '93 knowledge and understanding," he says. As a U.S. senator, Hyatt says, he would work to increase AIDS research and education. In Cleveland, where he lives, he is active with AIDS charities. He meets regularly with HIV-positive patients. When he walks into their homes,

Hyatt says, he remembers a man like them he didn't care

enough about. "When I go there, I think of Clarence."

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No More Curfew Now. Helmsley's Term Is Over

PEOPLE

Leona Helmsley finally became a free woman after serving 18 months in a federal prison, one month in a halfway house and two months in the relatively plush con-finement of her penthouse apart-ment on Central Park South in Manhattan, where she had to return every night by 9 o'clock. Helmsley was convicted in 1989 of income tax and mail fraud. She income tax and mail trade. Six-saved the government \$3,294 by living at home for the final two months of her sentence instead of at the \$54-a-day Le Marquis Hotel. which is used as a halfway house the final effect of the same of the s for federal offenders.

"Raining Stones," a British film directed by Ken Loach about a jobless man in northern England, was chosen by the French critics's association as best foreign film of 1993. The association selected Alain Resnais's "Smoking-No Smoking" as best French film.

Pani Newman's salad dressing and spaghetti sauce are getting him a special Oscar at this year's Academy Awards. The actor will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for donating to charity more than \$80 million in profits from Newman's Own food business.

It wasn't that the andience didn't like Isaac Stern's music when they walked out in the middle of a Denver concert. They just didn't realize he was taking a breather. "Remember, it ain't over 'til the fat man sings," the portly violinist quipped as ushers steazed nearly half the audience back to their seats.

The heirs of the French writer Colette have objected that the prize in her name — financed by the Armleder Foundation of Switzerland and worth 35,000 Swiss francs (\$24,000) - was awarded to Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," and have banned the use of her name in the future. The heirs said Rushdie was "a foreign writer" and there was no "literary relation-

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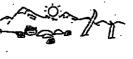
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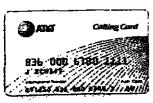
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